Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to the 7th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Grid Computing (Grid 2006), sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society's Technical Committee on Scalable Computing (TCSC) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). The Grid Computing Conference is an international meeting that brings together the community of researchers, developers, practitioners, and users involved with the Grid. The objective of Grid 2006 is to serve as a forum to present current and emerging work as well as to exchange research ideas in this field. The previous events, which are part of this series of events were, Grid 2000, Bangalore; Grid 2001, Denver; Grid 2002, Baltimore; Grid 2003, Phoenix; Grid 2004, Pittsburgh, and Grid 2005, Seattle. All of these events have been successful in attracting high quality papers and wide international participation. Last year’s event attracted more than 400 registered participants, and we expect a high number of participants for this year’s event.

This year the workshop is transitioned into a conference, co-located and co-organized with the 2006 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing. Both events are sharing a research and industrial exhibition. Next year these events will follow this same structure again organised in Austin, Texas.

The organisation of Grid 2006 has been possible thanks to the help of many people. We would like to specially thank Dennis Gannon and all the Program Vice-chairs and Programm Committee for putting together an exciting program. Besides, the help of our colleagues Craig Lee, Rajkumar Buyya, Toni Cortes and Julita Corbalan has been fundamental on settling the conference, which would have not been possible without the advise of the steering committe.

We hope you enjoy this year's final conference, and please plan to submit papers to and then attend next year's conference.

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