HOTOS has always been somewhat of a hybrid between a workshop, with its limited number of participants, and a conference, with its refereed papers and formal proceedings. When Brad Chen asked me to serve as Program Chair, I accepted largely because I felt that HOTOS should truly be a workshop, not a mini-conference. Both workshops and conferences are useful for the operating systems community, but there are several first-rate conferences in the field, and not many workshops. The HOTOS-VI program committee tried hard to maintain a workshop flavor; we particularly favored speculative submissions over "should have been a conference paper" papers. Even so, we insisted that any paper appearing in the HOTOS proceedings would meet the standard for a refereed publication.

Not all "hot topics" in operating systems are research results. We invited participation from practitioners, and directly contacted over 50 people at product organizations. While we received fewer submissions from practitioners than I had hoped, we did end up with several good papers that help put research approaches in perspective.

We received 81 submissions. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the program committee; many papers received more than three reviews. I also read every paper. Two papers were submitted by members of the program committee; each of these was reviewed by the entire committee (except for the author). We accepted 23 papers, including one from a program committee member. Many other papers aroused our enthusiasm, but we limited acceptances partly to avoid cramming too much material into a two-day workshop, and partly to maintain a consistently high standard for the proceedings. We thank all of the authors, especially those whose papers were not accepted, for the time and effort they put into their submissions.

I want to thank the members of the program committee for all of the time and dedication they have put into this workshop. They solicited papers, they read submissions and wrote reviews, they debated the papers at length (via the magic of email), and they all helped us meet the tight deadlines we imposed to preserve the hotness of the topics. I am truly grateful that all eight committee members not only met my expectations, but exceeded them. I also want to thank Puneet Kumar, who accepted my invitation to serve as Publicity Chair, and so is probably responsible for the unusually large number of submissions we received. Brad Chen and the members of the HOTOS Steering Committee gave us a lot of help along the way.

I hope that we managed to fulfill our dual responsibilities: to provide lively and thought-provoking discussions for those of you who attend the workshop, and to convey some sense of that liveliness to those of you reading the proceedings.

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