

Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to the Fourth International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC 2007) in sunny Jacksonville, Florida, USA.

ICAC has become one of the leading forums for autonomic computing. It addresses theoretical and practical issues in the field of Autonomic Computing. Its primary goal is to bring together researchers who are addressing aspects of self-management in computing systems, and to develop and nurture a community that will work together to realize the vision of large-scale self-managing systems. Traditionally ICAC attracts outstanding submissions along with active participation from leading computer researchers in academia and industry. This year is no exception, as you see in the Program Chairs message. ICAC 2007 is the fourth conference in a series that began with ICAC 2004 (held in New York City), followed by ICAC 2005 (held in Seattle) and ICAC 2006 (held in Dublin, Ireland). ICAC2007 is back in the US following the two-consecutive years in the US and one international year pattern. We look forward to another successful international event in Jacksonville, FL. We are very pleased to welcome you to Jacksonville, FL.

This event and program would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of the steering, organizing and program committees. We are deeply appreciative of the time, effort and dedication given by the Program Chairs, Professor Jose Fortes and Kumar Goswami. Their devotion and the hard work of the 41 Program Committee members resulted in an outstanding ICAC2007 program. We are particularly indebted to the PC members who joined us in Palo Alto on March 1st for the PC meeting. We would also like to thank the active and dedicated support of members of the steering committee, whom we always approached when we faced difficult issues requiring their attention. We would also like dynamic participation of this year's organizers and the many volunteers. Simon Dobson, the workshops chair, and Naveen Sharma, the tutorials chair, were a great help during the whole process of selecting workshops & tutorials. Renato Figueiredo, the local arrangement chair did an excellent job for arranging the conference activities in Jacksonville. Renato and Sven Graupner, the demo/exhibit co-chairs, did an excellent job assembling demos and assisting authors with posters. We would like to thank Zakaria Maamar and Beniamino di Martino for publicizing the event, Patricia Rago for managing the sponsorships. Special thanks are due to Kelly Sutton for dealing expertly and seamlessly with the myriad complex logistics.

We also gratefully acknowledge the IEEE, IEEE Computer Society and ACM for sponsoring the conference, as well as the significant support from our industry sponsors including our gold sponsors HP, and IBM, as well as the other conference sponsors Intel, Microsoft Research and Raytheon. Their commitment to ICAC and the research community at large is greatly appreciated.

Once again, we welcome you to Jacksonville and please enjoy the conference.

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