Message from the General Co-Chairs

This is the 20th in a series of the International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS), which was launched in October 1979. During the past 20 years the field of distributed computing systems has matured and expanded into many areas of computer and communication technologies. In fact the Internet can be considered as a giant distributed computing system! As we move into the new millennium and enter the era of the World Wide Web (WWW), we expect that distributed processing will remain as an important field not only in computer science and engineering, but to many other areas of humanity and social science as well.

As General Co-Chairs, our main responsibility is to coordinate various tasks carried out by other talented and devoted volunteers. First of all, we would like to thank Prof. Chuan-lin Wu and Dr. Haruhsa Ichikawa, Program Co-Chairs, for doing an excellent job of selecting high quality papers for presentation at the conference. Special thanks go to Prof. Ten H. Lai, Workshops Chair, for organizing six workshops in conjunction with the conference.

Thanks are also due to Profs. Chin-Chen Chang, Jhing-Fa Wang and Yutaka Matsushita, for serving as Awards Co-Chairs; to Profs. Yau-Hwang Kuo and Anish Arora, for serving as Publicity Co-Chairs; to Prof. Chung-Ming Huang for serving as Publication Chair; to Prof. Chuan Yi Tang for serving as Registration Chair; to Prof. Chung-Ta King for serving as Treasurer; and last, but not least, to Prof. Eric Chen for serving as Local Arrangements Chair.

We also should like to express our sincere appreciations to Dr. Iwao Toda and President David Liu, for serving as Honorary Co-Chairs; to Drs. Jin-Fu Chang, Raymond E. Miller, Shoichi Noguchi, C.V. Ramamoorthy and C.C Yang, for serving on the International Advisory Committee; and to Profs. Michael Papazoglou and D.K. Panda, for serving as International Liaison Co-Chairs.

We also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge financial supports from the Ministry of Education, the National Science Council, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan, Republic of China. Thanks are also due to the City Government of Taipei which hosts the conference reception.

Finally, we would like to thanks Prof. Rady Katz, Dr. Carl Hsu and Dr. Yukou Mochida for accepting our invitation to be the keynote speakers; and to Profs. C.V. Ramamoorthy and Raymond E. Miller, for agreeing to be the luncheon speakers. We trust that you will enjoy and appreciate their keynote and luncheon speeches, which are timely and important as we move into the new century.

For your advance information, ICDCS-2001 will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, in early April. The Calls for Papers will be available for distribution at the conference.

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