Welcome to Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria and the 22nd International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS-2002). It is our great pleasure and honour to hold ICDCS-2002 at Vienna University of Technology. On behalf of the ICDCS-2002 organizing committee, we would like to express to all the participants, especially our visitors from other countries, our cordial welcome and high respect.

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An international conference of this size and diversity requires the supports of many people and organizations and as the general co-chairs, our main responsibility is to coordinate the various tasks carried out with the willing and talented volunteers. First of all, we would like to thank the Steering Committee Chair, Prof. Ming Ting (Mike) Liu, The Ohio State University, for giving us the opportunity to organize this conference. We would like to express our appreciation to Prof. Jose Cruz, The Ohio State University, Dr. Keiji Tachikawa, President of NTT DoCoMo, and Prof. Hermann Kopetz, Vienna University of Technology, for their acceptance of our invitation to be the distinguished keynote speakers. Special thanks to Prof. Michel Raynal, IRISA, France and Prof. Wen-Shyen Eric Chen, National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan, ROC, program co-chairs. We would like to greatly thank Prof. Luis E. T. Rodrigues, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, vice program chair, for making the technical program of ICDCS-2002. We also would like to thank Filipe Araujo, Universidade de Lisboa, for his great effort and his help to coordinate the reviewing process and for the competent summaries of the reviews. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the organization committee and program committee as well as all of the authors of the submitted papers. We are very indebted to Prof. Roland Wagner and Ms. Gabriela Wagner for organizing the workshops in conjunction with ICDCS-2002. Finally, we would like to thank Ms. Maria Schweikert, Vienna Univ. of Technology, for her excellent local arrangements of ICDCS-2002.

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