Message from the Program Co-Chairs

The 22nd International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS 2002) has grown in terms of technical areas, paper submissions, and countries represented. In total 336 papers were submitted to ICDCS 2002 from more than 33 countries, a record of the conference. The papers were processed by 13 Vice Chairs and the corresponding Program Committees (more than 100 members!). More than 1300 reviews have been made by the Program Committee members and/or area experts. The program committee meeting was held on January 18-19, 2002, in Lisbon, Portugal. During the Program Committee meeting, 61 regular papers and 15 short papers have been accepted from the 336 submissions.

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