The International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS) is devoted to distributed systems. Distributed computing systems are distributed application systems or distributed infrastructures using networks that offer services to users. Furthermore, ICDCS is concerned with the entire development cycle of distributed systems from design and specification to system verification and integrity, testing, performance analysis, implementation, performance tuning and system management. Many researchers in a variety of technical disciplines are addressing these concerns.

Distributed computing systems are being used in environments that are changing and expanding rapidly. Networked applications are, for example, changing to streaming or wireless services. ICDCS provides a discussion place where new architectures are presented and criticized. Furthermore, it is important that fundamental concepts, models, architectures, and analysis techniques for designing and implementing distributed systems are well understood. We believe ICDCS provides fertile ground for cultivating such understandings.

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