Welcome to the International Workshop on Applied Reliable Group Communication (WARGC 2001), held in conjunction with the 21 International Conference on Distributed Computing System (ICDCS 2001), Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

Reliable Group Communication is an important paradigm to build distributed applications that require multi-peer interaction with different levels of consistency. For more than a decade researchers have been improving group protocols to provide membership, multicast, and ordering services. The workshop intends to be a forum to discuss experiences with the use of these protocols to support different types of applications.

The eleven papers accepted for publication present new algorithms and new group communication services, but also relate experiences with the use of group communication in application areas such as network management, distributed object systems, and high available servers. All papers have been reviewed by at least three program committee members, whose work was invaluable to attract and select such a fine international program.

We encourage all authors, panelists and remaining participants to make the workshop very lively.

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