Message from Program Chairs

As the largest industrial city and as an important research, educational, financial, and business center in China, there is no doubt that Shanghai is the ideal city for hosting the 2006 IEEE International Conferences on E-Business Engineering. This has, to large extent, been confirmed by the active participation in this conference from local and global communities in E-business engineering and related areas.

Building on the success of ICEBE 2005, the Program Committee of ICEBE 2006 is proud to present another strong technical program this year. We received 336 submissions from around the world by the original deadline, which was extended by one week to handle the large flow of submissions.

The review process was a daunting challenge, even for the 95 members of the Program Committee. Following the 2005 model, we adopted a two-phase process for reviewing the papers: pre-screening and full review. A committee, consisting of the program chair, the vice chairs, and the conference vice chairs, was formed to pre-screen the papers. Papers were pre-screened based on four criteria: fit within the scope of the conference, readability, length, and diversity (i.e., academic papers vs. industry papers). The committee read and commented on all the papers. On April 28th, the committee held an evaluation meeting to decide which papers would be selected for full review. As a result, 197 papers were selected. In the second phase of the review, three PC members were assigned to review each paper. When the final decisions were made, we received three review reports for most papers and at least two reports for any paper at the end of the second review phase.

Based on the received review reports, we accepted a total of 60 full papers for the research and industry tracks, which amounts to an acceptance rate of 17.6%. In addition, we accepted 20 short papers. The papers represent 19 different countries, with the top two spots occupied by China and USA! In addition, the conference program and proceedings include a technical track of 14 full and 4 short quality papers on Service-Oriented Applications Integration and Collaboration (SOAIC). Due to the limitation on the number of papers that the program can accommodate, many highly rated papers were unfortunately rejected.

We would like to thank all the PC members and external reviewers for their high-quality reviews. We are grateful to the general chairs, Jen-Yao Chung, Kuo-Ming Chao, and Yinsheng Li, who offered much useful advice along the way. We would like to thank Bingnan Xiao and Xinyu Zhou for creating and managing the submission and review system, and to Blue C. W. Lan and Shiwa Fu for their support in the review process. We are also indebted to Michelle Miner Liang for generating the preliminary conference program. We are grateful for the help of Dr. Yinong Chen who has assisted in numerous aspects of the entire reviewing process. Last, but not least, we would like to thank all the authors. Without their enthusiasm and contribution to the conference and its topics, it would have been impossible for us to put together such a strong technical program.

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