As the program co-chairs for 2007 IEEE International Conference on e-Business Engineering, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Hong Kong, China. We hope you enjoy the technical program that we have put together for you and that you enjoy your interactions with the wonderful group of researchers and practitioners that have come together for this great event.

Our call for papers attracted 207 paper submissions. As with past ICEBE conferences, we adopted a two-phase strategy for reviewing the papers. In the first phase, the program chairs scanned through the entire collection of papers to arrive at a shorter list of 160. The selection was based on such criteria as whether the paper is within the scope of the conference, and if the paper appears to be technically sound, etc. The second phase then took each of the short-listed 160 papers through a rigorous review process. We insisted on obtaining at least three reviews for each paper (there were a few exceptions, which had only two reviews) in order to ensure the quality and fairness.

Based on the received reviews, we accepted 36 full papers for the research track, which represents an impressive acceptance rate of 17.4%. In addition, we accepted 7 industry-track papers, and 23 short papers. The full papers, industry-track papers, and short papers are all included in these proceedings, and have been organized into 16 technical sessions spanning the two and a half days of the conference. The accepted papers represent 10 countries around the world, with the top three spots occupied by China, USA and Australia. Congratulations to all the authors!

We cannot express our thanks enough to the members of the program committee. Each committee member reviewed an average of 8 papers. This year’s program committee showed us amazing support, providing us with extensive reviews with constructive information for the authors and in a very timely manner. Since we had many papers that were delegated to external reviewers, we would also like to thank these reviewers for helping in the success of ICEBE 2007. We are indebted to Chang Xu who served as the secretary to program chairs for his invaluable assistance in the numerous aspects of the entire reviewing process, and Zoe Yu for her great efforts in maintaining the submission and review system. Last but not the least, we would like to thank all authors who have submitted their latest work to the conference. We would not be able to put together a strong and interesting program without their support and contribution.

We look forward to a thought-provoking and informative conference. We appreciate your active engagement.

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