

Preface



Welcome to the 11th IEEE International Conference on Engineering of Complex Computer Systems!

Since this conference began over a decade ago, we've seen the focus of the conference grow and change as new techniques and approaches have evolved to deal with issues of complexity in computing. We have also seen a growth in the importance of a number of subject areas, where computing has emerged as a key enabler and where issues of complexity have raised their ugly heads. I am thinking particularly of advanced communication systems (including autonomic communications), homeland security, data mining, and the revolutionary field of bioinformatics, to name but a few.

This year we are very pleased to be co-located with the Life Sciences Society's flagship conference, Computational Systems Bioinformatics 2006, the premier conference in the field. We hope that this co-location will offer opportunities for discussion and collaboration for delegates at both events, and that ICECCS delegates may be able to contribute in some way to dealing with complexity in the field of bioinformatics.

We are grateful to Vicky Markstein, President of the Life Sciences Society, for facilitating this co-location, and to Bob Lashley and Ed Buckingham for making it all work, and to Stanford University for use of its facilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Program Committee, and in particular our Program Co-Chairs for their work in selecting the papers for this year's event. Thanks also to our keynote speakers for their participation and for taking time out of their hectic schedules to join us. We are pleased this year to have three invited sessions on important topics. We are grateful to the participants in these sessions and in particular to the chairs for organizing such interesting and insightful sessions.

I am very grateful to Denis Gračanin, our Publicity Chair, Ben Benokraitis, our Registration Chair, and Anita Andler, our Local Facilities Chair, who have worked very hard to make the event a success, and without whom none of this would have been possible.

Finally, our thanks to the IEEE Computer Society for their sponsorship, to Tom Baldwin of IEEE Computer Society Conference Publishing Services, and to Stephanie Kawada for outstanding work on our proceedings.

With best wishes for an enjoyable conference.....

Mike Hinchey
ICECCS 2006 General Chair