

Foreword

As the General Chair of the Third International Conference on Requirements Engineering, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our conference in Colorado Springs. For this conference, we continued our mission of technology transfer, and wanted to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners to interact with one another in an informal setting.

The Steering Committee for the conference, chaired by Carl Chang, continues to show the dedication and planning that are needed to keep this conference at the forefront of requirements engineering. It was an honor to be invited to be General Chair for the conference. I owe special thanks to Carl for all his assistance in helping to provide continuity, and to Al Davis for his quick response to questions and for historical background information.

The Program Chairs, Daniel Berry and Brian Lawrence, were dedicated to making this a conference with outstanding technical content. To that end, they worked to put together an excellent technical program, which we can all enjoy. The members of the Program Committee and Steering Committee also did a lot of work toward making the program come together, and several of them were intrepid enough to make the trek to Pittsburgh for the Program Committee meeting. These included Steering Committee members and the Program Co-Chairs. In addition, the meeting was attended by Annie Anton, Karin Breitman, Jack Callahan, Dwight Colby, Steve Easterbrook, Mark Feblowitz, Phil Fuhrer, Sol Greenspan, Robyn Lutz, and Greg Zelesnik.

Some of our Chairs have gone the extra mile to make this a success, especially Steve Easterbrook, our Finance Chair, who managed the funds for the conference; Rick Hubbard, who worked on Local Arrangements; Pattansak 'Pat' Mongkolwat and Yahya Al-Salqan, who created the Web pages and handled the advertising for the conference; and Annie Anton, who was Tutorials Chair. In addition, Dave Hottman of INCOSE did a fine job of setting up the Tools Fair. Greg Zelesnik once again agreed to be Panel Coordinator; and I am personally indebted to Charlene Svitek, who not only was Registration Chair, but who handled a whole host of administrative matters on behalf of the conference.

We owe special thanks to our corporate sponsor, Fujitsu, and to INCOSE for support of the Tools Fair.

We are delighted to be in Colorado Springs once again, and we appreciate the work done by Rick Hubbard in selecting the hotel and making the associated arrangements. Colorado Springs is a great conference location, and I know that we will all enjoy being here.

Let me close by saying that requirements engineering continues to be a vital area in software engineering. It has become a more important area every year that I have been involved in this conference. We will all benefit from the time that we spend here, reflecting on our field and looking for approaches to requirements engineering problems that we can put into practice.

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