Message from the Conference Chairs

Welcome to the Fourth International Conference on Software Reuse. It is a pleasure to extend to you this opportunity to sample the state of the art and state of the practice of software reuse.

Let me first thank the program chair, Murali Sitaraman, for the enormous effort he made in "pulling this thing off." He not only put together a great technical program, but through his efforts the entire conference has been kept at the highest technical level possible.

I would also like to thank my co-chair, Chuck Lillie, for all the elbow grease he applied in ironing out the thankless little details like the budget and the necessary paperwork our sponsor requires.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the reader/attendee, for really being the ones to make this all possible. Software reuse is based on experience and insight. I hope the experience and insights you gain from participating in ICSR4 will lead you to success in all kinds of use, re-use or reuse. No matter how you spell it, it saves time and effort, which is why the initial effort and discipline is all worthwhile.

Will Tracz  
ICSR4 Co-Chair

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth International Conference on Software Reuse. Murali Sitaraman, along with the Program Committee, has put together an outstanding program addressing issues critical to the understanding and continued success of software reuse. Paper sessions will report on the current state of software reuse while panel sessions will present new ideas and future directions. Jeff Poulin has assembled a team of reuse experts to present tutorials targeted to newcomers as well as seasoned veterans. Presentations will address basic reuse issues, advanced techniques, and current research topics. The four days promise to be enlightening, stimulating, and rewarding.

I owe special thanks to the planning committee. This conference would not be possible without the motivation, innovation, and time provided by these volunteers who want to help further the cause of software reuse. In addition to Murali and Jeff, Will Tracz provided services beyond that of a normal co-chair, which included local arrangements; Steve Edwards and Frances Paulisch arranged publicity through a Web site and advertisement; Steven Fraser, with support from ASSET, managed registration; Voytek Kozaczynski solicited corporate support; Ronnie Thomon coordinated posters and demonstrations; Ernesto Guerrieri managed finances (not a trivial task for any conference); and Larry Latour helped with the proceedings. In addition, we received help from Masao Matsumoto as Asian Chair, John Favaro as European Chair, Julio Leite as South American Chair, and the more than thirty members of the Program Committee who gave of their time to evaluate papers, panels, and tutorials. And last but not least, Joan Ruscin provided administrative support that kept me from going insane. I hope that you will enjoy attending this conference as much as I have enjoyed working with the planning committee to assemble it.

Charles W. Lillie  
ICSR4 Co-Chair