Welcome Message from the General Chair

Organizing this year’s IEEE Conference on Software Testing, Verification, and Validation (ICST 2009) has been both a privilege and a challenge. I am deeply honored to have been able to work with an accomplished group of people who so freely gave their time and expertise. Without them our vision of a conference that brings together research and industry, and helps build a vibrant community would have stayed wishful thinking. At the same time, economic conditions around the world have been challenging to deal with. It would be unrealistic to expect them not to affect this year’s conference.

Yet, our organization and program committee members have collaborated admirably and have put together an impressive program. They, once again, provided a technical program of the highest caliber. Data on submissions, accepted papers, and workshops attest to that. They listened to feedback from last year and added tutorials and a PhD Symposium. They also delivered on the promise of managing our conference in an open and transparent manner.

Many, many people deserve my thanks and gratitude. The members of the steering, organizing, and program committees have been incredible. The program chairs, Jeff Offutt and Per Runeson, have been wonderful to work with. Not only did we work hard, we had fun doing so. Susanne Sherba, our local arrangements chair and her main support person, Sam Oehlerking, are warmly thanked for their crucial contributions. We are also very grateful to our sponsors, including the IEEE Computer Society and the IEEE Technical Committee on Software Engineering (TCSE) for all their support.

Last, but not least, let me welcome you to Denver and to Colorado, an incredibly beautiful part of the world. Enjoy your stay!

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