Service computing has emerged as a primary platform for packaging and delivering computing and information technology to various enterprises ranging from business to governments and organizations. In recent years we have witnessed many emerging standards and industrial developments in the area of service computing. At the same time the IEEE International Conference on Web Services and the IEEE International Conference on Services Computing have become the premier conferences in the services computing landscape since their inception in 2003, attracting participants from more than 20 countries in America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

To celebrate the success of IEEE ICWS/SCC from 2003 to 2007, this year we present two plenary panels dedicated to the services computing area. The first panel is focused on service computing in daily work with a focus on service engineering vs. software engineering, exploiting the intrinsic relationship, the commonality, and the differences between service engineering and software engineering. The second panel is dedicated to services computing in action with a focus on services architectures, discussing how business architectures, application architectures, and infrastructure architectures should interact to deliver the most efficient services businesses or solutions.

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