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Message from the Application Services and Industry Track Chairs

Welcome to Beijing, the host of 29th Olympic Games, a dynamic modern metropolis with over 3000 years of history, along with the iconic imagery of Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall.

Web service is a fast moving research area. It receives an increasing attention from academia and industry. It has fundamental impact to many critical research areas, such as services computing, software-as-a-service (SaaS), cloud computing, communication, service-oriented software architecture and design, business process modeling, and service composition, orchestration, security, and quality management.

The Application and Industry Track at IEEE International Conference on Web Services has become a major forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, share experiences, and foster new approaches and directions that can advance technologies of web services to the next level. It is to bridge the gap among sciences, technologies, applications and business practices in web services research, with a focus on real practical issues from emerging applications and new disciplines.

We extend our warm welcome to all participants of the Application and Industry Track at ICWS’08 for getting together at Beijing to continue broadening the scope and understanding of web services, and advancing web services to new areas.

The paper authors deserve a special nomination for their contributions to the Application and Industry Track at ICWS’08. Their high quality papers make Application and Industry Track at ICWS’08 a premium program for web services research. We thank all our distinguished reviewers for their hard work and dedication. The selected papers for the Application and Industry Track provide a balanced and comprehensive coverage of new approaches and applications in web services, and they capture various exciting research activities in this field.

Many people worked very hard for Application and Industry Track program. We would like to thank all of them for their contributions. The Program Committee members deserve the full credit for the excellent final program, which is based on their hard work and diligent reviews of all paper submissions. Special thanks go to the session chairs and our organizing committee members of the Application and Industry Track. It is a great team work!

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