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 web services, 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 Applications and Industry Track at the 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 Applications and Industry Track at ICWS’09 for getting together at Los Angeles 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 Applications and Industry Track at ICWS 2009. Their high quality papers make Applications and Industry Track at ICWS 2009 a premium program for Web services research. The acceptance rate is 18%. We thank all our distinguished reviewers for their hard work and dedication. The selected papers for the Applications 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.

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