Message from the Steering Co-Chairs

As steering co-chairs granted the privilege of continuity in our association with this event, we enjoy watching the work of each year’s newly formed team and the fresh ideas and enthusiasm used to generate the IPDPS program. The challenges of this past year carried beyond the usual, but we are pleased to report that from our vantage point, preparation has proceeded like clockwork. Thank you all for staying the course.

We believe that a timely preface to these proceedings is the reminder that IPDPS represents a unique international gathering of computer scientists from around the world. Further, we take pride in this annual meeting as a testament to the strength of international cooperation in seeking to apply computer science technology to the betterment of our global village.

Last year our message focused on the evolution of this event and the themes which have made IPDPS successful including an emphasis on quality, the outstanding teamwork of volunteers, and the unselfish willingness of giants in the field of parallel and distributed computing to lend their support and stay involved in our mission. The chairs and keynoters over the past fifteen years are indeed the Who’s Who of parallel and distributed computing. IPDPS 2002 is a sterling example, and program chair Marc Snir should be tapped for special honors.

With the merger of SPDP & IPPS, we added a “D” to our name and enlarged our talent pool as well as our steering committee membership. We want to give special recognition to the IPDPS steering group: K. Mani Chandy, Ali R. Hurson, Joseph JaJa, F. Tom Leighton, Jose Rolim, Sartaj Sahni, Behrooz Shirazi, H.J. Siegel, and Hal Sudborough. Your active resolve to keep the bar high for IPDPS programs and to address the evolving interests of IPDPS participants is to be highly commended.

Having thanked you, we also take this opportunity to challenge the spirit of this collective leadership to help preserve and further strengthen this global forum. IPDPS is a gathering of the best and brightest of minds and ideas in our field and each year we relish what the program and discussions will produce. We are proud to be a part of this endeavor and welcome advice and counsel from all quarters to ensure that the dynamic development continues.

In closing, we second the thanks and words of recognition the other chairs have given in their messages. All of you are to be applauded. We are well aware of the hard work involved and the extent to which it continues on through the week of the symposium with the involvement and contributions from all participants.

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