General Chair’s Message

ISADS 2007 is the eighth conference of the highly successful biannual ISADS series that deals with the intriguing theme of Autonomous Decentralized Systems. The timing and the location of ISADS 2007 cannot be better. In preparing this conference, our emphasis has been on creating a forum where participants enjoy fully open-minded exchanges of discoveries, observations, ideas, past confusions, and future prospects on intriguing issues with full tastes of and inspirations originating from the greatness of the nature.

The program committee and their co-chairs (Wei-Tek Tsai, Yoshiaki Kakuda, and Eckhard Moeller) did an outstanding job of creating a highly attractive technical program. The sessions consisting of paper presentations selected out of regular submissions, the keynote sessions, and the panel all make up a program that will excite all sincere participants and serve as a major milestone in the evolution of the important technology field of autonomous decentralized system engineering. I am greatly honored to have had opportunities to work with them. The four keynote speakers also deserve special thanks for their willingness to contribute to this conference in spite of their tough schedules.

I really do not deserve the great honor of being the symposium chair of this excellent symposium. During the first half of 2006, I was incapable of handling the symposium preparation matters partly due to a minor injury. Steve Yau, the former chair of the ISADS Steering Committee, generously acted as the Acting Symposium Chair on my request. His service continued throughout the year of 2006. Moreover, he also played a key role in supporting and implementing our recommendation to bring the well established IEEE Workshop on Future Trends in Distributed Computing Systems as a companion workshop of ISADS 2007. The symbiotic and mutually complimentary relationship between the two companion events seems quite obvious.

Numerous other people, including committee members, paper contributors, reviewers, and other volunteers, contributed greatly to the symposium preparation. Although I cannot mention all of them, more than usual contributions of several individuals are worth particular notes. Wei-Tek Tsai made enormous contributions by serving not only as a PC co-chair but also as an unofficial co-chair of the Local Arrangement Committee and the Publication Committee together with his outstanding collaborator, Yinong Chen. Dijiang Huang did a great job of handling financial affairs. Kinji Mori, the chair of the ISADS Steering Committee, provided not only advices on major items such as identification of keynote speakers but also publicity services. Bob Werner, the proceedings editor, has shown notable patience accommodating special situations of various contributors. Mike Williams, the President of IEEE Computer Society, has been a valuable source of encouragement and has decided to participate in this conference in spite of his awful schedule.

I look forward to hearing jubilant expressions from the participants of ISADS 2007.

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