Message from the General Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 19th IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communications (ISCC), which is being held on the beautiful island of Madeira, Portugal. In the past, this conference has been held in Croatia, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey. The 12th ISCC was held in Aveiro, Portugal in 2007, and we are excited to return to Portugal after 7 years. Madeira, known as the “Pearl of the Atlantic”, is a place with such a diversity of environments, from the sun to the mountains, from the night life to the cuisine, from the wonderful nature to the friendliness of its people, can cater to all tastes. We hope you will be able to sample some of the delights of this truly fascinating place.

The technical program committee for the 19th ISCC was co-chaired by three very distinguished scholars Prof. Susana Sargento of the Universidade de Aveiro, Prof. Sanguthevar Rajasekaran of the University of Connecticut, and Prof. Mário Dantas of the Universidade de Santa Catarina. We would like to thank them for the superb job they have done in putting together a very exciting and contemporary technical program. The 19th ISCC also features 3 very distinguished keynote speakers and four excellent workshops. We wish to thank the keynote’s chairs Mahmoud Daneshmand, (Stevens Institute of Technology) and Andreas Kassler (Karlstad University) as well as the workshops chair Periklis Chatzimisios (Alexander Technological Educational Institute of Thessaloniki) and Hossam Hassanein (Queens’ University) for the excellent job they have done in organizing the keynotes and workshops, respectively.

Finances and registration are essential components of a conference and we are very fortunate to have very experienced individuals manage these. Professors Reda Ammar (University of Connecticut) and Christos Douligeris (University of Piraeus) served as the finance co-chairs. The publicity chairs Diogo Gomes (University of Aveiro), Chiming Chen (AT&T labs), Andreas Kassler (Karlstad University), M Umit Uyar (City University of New York), Luca Foschini (University of Bologna) and Hermes Senger (University Federal of St. Carlos) have excelled in bringing ISCC to the attention of a worldwide community, as the wide geographic range of participants demonstrates. Also a word of thanks to the publications co-chairs, Paulo Salvador (University of Aveiro) and Adel S. Elmaghraby (University of Louisville) which brought to you the program you have in your hands.

The smooth operation of the conference is the result of the tireless effort of the local arrangements committee that was chaired by Professor Lina Brito, University of Madeira, and counted with the valuable collaboration of her colleagues Eduardo Marques, Tiago Meireles, and Fernando Dias.

Finally, we wish to thank the Steering Committee of ISCC for giving us the opportunity to be the General Co-Chairs of this conference.

We wish all participants, speakers, and volunteers a very enjoyable stay in Madeira and we are confident that all will find ISCC 2014 to be an enlightening and rewarding conference.

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