Welcome to Vienna, Austria, and the Seventh IEEE International Symposium on Object-Oriented Real-time Distributed Computing (ISORC 2004). The former six ISORC symposia were held in Kyoto (Japan, 1998), then Saint-Malo (France, 1999), Newport Beach (CA, 2000), Magdeburg (Germany, 2001), Washington (D.C., 2002), and Hakodate (Japan, 2003). So having been guests twice in America, Asia, as well as Europe, we are now starting the third round of the successful series of ISORC symposia. It is our great honor and pleasure to host this year’s meeting at the Vienna University of Technology, in the center of the capital of Austria.

ISORC was created with the goal of becoming an exemplary symposium series with respect to the maintenance of an open symposium spirit. In this symposium, we will discuss and examine a wide range of interconnected topics, focusing on the multifaceted nature of object-oriented technology and real-time distributed computing.

The ISORC symposium series has become a meeting point for leading engineers, scientists, analysts and practitioners in this rapidly growing technological field of ORC and is characterized by vivid discussions and highly interactive sessions. This seems to make ISORC an esteemed meeting place for experts both from academia and industry.

For the second time, the Workshop on Software Technologies for Future Embedded and Ubiquitous Computing Systems (WSTFEUS) is held in conjunction with ISORC. The success of last year’s first workshop convinced the ISORC organizers that there should be a at least a second issue of this workshop in Vienna (and we bet that there will be further issues). We thus welcome all WSTFEUS participants and invite the attendants of the main ISORC conference to join in to the events of the WSTFEUS workshop. We wish you all interesting discussions and interactions between the communities of the two neighboring events.

Many people have worked hard to make this year’s symposium a huge success. We are thankful to the Program Committee members who carefully reviewed, analyzed, and selected papers for presentation at the symposium. The PC co-chairs, Jan Gustafsson, Insup Lee, and Toshiaki Aoki, did a wonderful job of preparing a technically sound and exciting program. We also thank the organizers of the special sessions and panels on very interesting and timely themes. We also thank the organization committee members for their dedication and efforts to organize this symposium. Finally, we express our sincere thanks to the spirit behind this conference, Kane Kim from the University of California, Irvine, who has continuously provided support, advice, and friendship. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like, once again, to welcome you to the symposium, and to wish you a productive meeting. Thank you for your active participation in ISORC 2004.

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