Dear Symposium Attendee:

Welcome to the Tenth International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE)! I am very pleased that you decided to join us in beautiful Boca Raton, Florida. I am aware that there are many conferences competing for your travel budget, and I hope this year's program will satisfy your expectations.

This symposium is a special ISSRE — the tenth one! In ten years, ISSRE has evolved into what is now considered as a prestigious software engineering conference. This is due to the efforts of many individuals. I applaud John Musa, Norm Schneidewind, Bill Everett, Ram Chillarge, J.C. LaPrie, and Mladen Vouk, who have not only given much time and energy to this conference, but who have also done pioneering work in this field. I am pleased that many of them will again join us this year to discuss SRE's past successes, past failures, and future challenges.

I'd like to personally thank two individuals who work in my office that have greatly helped me with this year's program: Peggy Wallace and Ryan MacMichael (ISSRE'99's webmaster). I also wish to thank a terrific Program Committee for thoroughly reviewing the submissions and for providing a high level of attendance at the June Program Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. Without all of the volunteer support of these individuals, this meeting would not be possible. I am also grateful to the ISSRE Steering Committee for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

For those of you who have seen ISSRE evolve over the past 10 years, you know that ISSRE has gone through many logistical and focus changes. This year's event is no different. Besides honoring the progress we've made over the past 10 years, this year's theme deals with which technologies we should take into the new millennium and which ones should be left behind. After all, software and computing has changed massively since the first ISSRE.

Now let's highlight this year's program. We again opted to repeat the highly successful series of short talks known as Fast Abstracts and to expand the Industrial Practices tracks. In fact, this year we devoted an entire day to industrial software quality issues. This year's program also includes 32 regular accepted papers, three terrific keynote speakers, 5 panels, and several other plenary sessions. Because it is our tenth year, we will also feature a retrospective and futuristic look at the emerging field of software reliability with a panel consisting of past ISSRE General Chairs.

In closing, I wish you a terrific symposium! If we have not already met you, please come up and introduce yourself. And if you wish to get further involved in future ISSREs as a volunteer, please let me know, and I'll connect you with a Steering Committee member who can find a role in the ISSRE community in which you can serve.

Welcome again!

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