General Chair’s Message

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the International Conference on Information Technology (ITCC 2004). This is the 5th year that the ITCC is being organized in Las Vegas, and I am pleased to report that the conference has witnessed an impressive growth since its inception in April 2000. This year in particular, thanks to the selfless efforts of the ITCC committee, the number of attendees has more than doubled compared to the previous year.

The program committee led by Dr. Pradip Srimani consisted of many scientists around the world who served as track chairs, session chairs, and peer reviewers. This committee solicited and reviewed close to 600 technical papers on several important areas of IT. A total of 297 papers were accepted as Regular and Poster papers.

The international nature of the conference is reflected in the geographical diversity of the submission pool. The proceedings include papers from USA, China, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Korea, Italy, Japan, Germany, Finland, France, Thailand, Vietnam, Spain, Romania, Indonesia, Israel, Taiwan, Iran, New Zealand, Australia, Netherlands, Switzerland, and Scotland. The conference features two distinguished keynote speakers and the best student paper award.

Many individuals have contributed to the success of this conference. My sincere thanks go to all the authors and invited speakers whose scientific contributions add a great deal to the quality of this gathering. Special thanks go to the ITCC 2004 program chair, Pradip Srimani, track chairs and session chairs. The organizing committee consisted of Dr. Jiang (Finance Chair), Mr. Jolly (the Secretary), Dr. Muthukumar (Registration Chair), and Dr. Selvaraj (Publicity Chair).

In addition, the great help of UNLV graduate student Ms. Yi Lu is acknowledged. The Orleans’ Hotel continues to provide excellent meeting facilities for our conference. Mr. M. Foley, the Hotel Sales Manager, Mr. R. Neiderman, the Catering Manager, and their staff have been extremely helpful in accommodating the conference attendees and keeping up with the many changes in A/V and catering needs.

The help and support of the IEEE Computer Society is especially appreciated. Ann Mary Kelly provided us with much advice and insight on rules and regulations. We thank Maggie Johnson who was extremely prompt in answering our inquiries and who seemed to know the answer to every question we had. The great efforts of Geraldine Benedicto and Sameer Qureshi in processing payments are noted. Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the IEEE Computer Society Editor, Ms. Deeber Azada, who did an outstanding job in preparing the proceedings. During the holiday season when not many people were around, she was there and helped us patiently to correct errors and meet the submission deadlines.

I wish every body an enjoyable and fruitful stay here in Las Vegas.

Shahram Latifi

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