Message from the Program Chairs

“We are the ones behind it!”

During the past twelve months, we have seen dramatic changes in many industries. Among these are the de-regulation of telecommunications, the banking, cable, and many other institutions and industries. After several years of just talking about it, the “information revolution” is now in our hands. Therefore, this is a very exciting time — as well as a very uncertain time. The revolution will bring many challenges to all of us, as computer communication experts, since computer communication is the basis for this revolution bringing the client/server model, network centric computing, and global reach to everyone. A new world has been born, the Internet world, which has existed for some time but has suddenly awakened and grown exponentially during the past several months. Every single day, we have tens of millions — if not billions — of personal and commercial activities on the WWW.

This community is larger than most countries and it impacts not only the technological industries involved, such as telecommunications, computers, telephones, and cables, but also a number of other industries such as the airlines, the hotel and entire entertainment field, and car rentals, to name just a few. Our routine way of living and thinking will undergo fundamental changes as a result of this exciting revolution, and we will be riding the crest of the wave.

The way we do R&D, product distribution, shopping, and communications will never be the same again for many of us — and soon for everyone. And we are part of the major force that will make this happen. Yes, we are the ones behind it!

We would like to close these remarks by thanking the program committee members as well as all of the authors who submitted their work for review. The program committee members donated their time and expertise and provided the necessary effort to ensure the highest quality possible in the program and the overall conference to all of our attendees.

And to all attendees, we would like to thank you for your participation in this exciting conference. Through you, this revolution will expand even faster and with more power.

We wish you a very pleasant stay at the conference and we hope your experience will be as exciting and fulfilling by the content of the program as well as by the interaction with your fellow conference attendees.

Welcome to LCN '96!

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