Message from the Program Chairs

**LCN’99** is being held in Lowell, Massachusetts for the second time, after having been held in Minneapolis, Minnesota for 22 consecutive years. We are excited to be here in the greater Boston area with its large number of universities and high-technology companies. The involvement from the local community is growing and we expect this trend to continue with future LCN conferences to be held in the Boston area.

The trend for all major computer and communications conferences has been one of a reduced number of paper submissions. This has been true for LCN ’99, as well. This year, for the first time, we solicited full, short, and poster papers to be able to select good papers dealing with interesting and up-to-date topics. We believe that every attendee will benefit from the paper and poster presentations and the discussions that they are sure to create.

We, the Program Chairs, would like to thank to Program Committee members for their hard work in reviewing the submitted papers. Their work goes mostly unnoticed, but is an integral part of the process of putting together a high-quality and well-balanced technical program. For the second time, LCN has selected a Best Paper. This year, the best paper is “IP Services over Bluetooth: Leading the Way to a New Mobility” by M. Albrecht, M. Frank, P. Martini, M. Schetelig, A. Vilavaara, and A. Wenzel from University of Bonn/Nokia, Germany.

We hope you enjoy and benefit from this year’s program, and look forward to fruitful discussions with you during the conference.

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