Welcome to the second annual meeting of the Workshop on High-Speed Local Networks (HSLN). This workshop is held in conjunction with the 28th IEEE Local Computer Networks (LCN) Conference in Bonn/Königswinter, Germany in October of 2003.

This workshop focuses on the design, analysis, implementation, and exploitation of new concepts, technologies, and applications related to high-performance networks on a local scale. These networks serve as the catalyst for a wide variety of network-based systems and applications, such as system-area networks for high-performance computers, storage-area networks for distributed database servers, embedded high-speed networks and interconnects for advanced avionics, radar processing, space systems, etc. As evidenced in our program, this workshop brings together networking researchers, engineers, and practitioners from across the spectrum of high-speed local networks, with participants from industry, academia, and government and an international scope of authors and attendees.

We are very fortunate to begin our program with a keynote presentation by Dr. Egbert-Jan Sol from Ericsson Corp. In addition to the keynote presentation, the program contains a strong set of rigorously refereed papers presented in four technical sessions and one poster session. From the 25 papers that were submitted to the workshop, 13 were selected to appear as full papers for the technical sessions, and another 7 as short papers for the poster session.

Thanks are due to the many people whose efforts as volunteers were instrumental in making this new workshop a success. First and foremost, we would like to thank Professor Ken Christensen of the University of South Florida for serving as Program Chair of HSLN this year and for his many invaluable contributions. We would also like to thank the members of the organizing committee of LCN for their strong support of this workshop. Last but certainly not least, special thanks go to the program committee members for their tireless efforts throughout the review process that led to the set of quality papers that is featured in the program. Because of the efforts of all of these people, this relatively new workshop continues to quickly grow and has developed a continuing and mutually beneficial partnership with LCN.

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