Message from the Program Chairs

This year the conference received a record 204 registered papers of which 192 were accepted into the review process. The submitted papers came from 39 countries and the accepted papers from 25 countries. The origin country of the papers truly reflects the international profile of MASCOTS with the accepted papers coming from all 5 continents.

Each submission was assigned to at least three reviewers from the program committee that consisted of 45 members. From the total of papers, 26 full papers and 3 short papers were accepted giving an acceptance rate of 15%. A further 39 full papers were considered suitable to be presented as short papers. Among all the accepted papers, 3 papers have been selected as candidates for the Best Paper Award and the winner will be announced at the conference dinner.

The technical program includes a balanced mix of theoretical and experimental research, describing advances in the areas of cloud computing, big data, storage systems, computer and wireless networks, mobile computing and computer architectures. Moreover, the program features three keynotes by renowned computer scientists:

- “Placing applications in large-scale distributed and heterogeneous environments”, Valeria Cardellini, University of Rome Tor-Vergata, Italy
- “Effectiveness: a new metric in performance evaluation”, Gerardo Rubino, INRIA, France
- “Reducing the Wag in the Tail by Sharding and Replication”, Peter Harrison, Imperial College London, UK

The program spans three full days: a single track format for the first two days including keynotes, full papers and a first round of short papers, and two parallel sessions on the third day comprising a second round of short papers.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our General Chair for organizing the conference, overseeing all the financial aspects and his contributions to the program. We also thank all of our hard working PC members and external reviewers, who have made a huge contribution by their personal work, to selecting the papers for the conference. We thank them for carrying it all out on time and with quality despite the high workload, and for being of great help to the PC chairs.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference!

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