Chair’s Message

It is my great pleasure to present the fifth edition of the NGMAST conference series. The conference will be held again in the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, Wales, UK.

The conference is hosted by the Centre of Excellence in Mobile Applications and Services (CEMAS). CEMAS is an exciting £4.9million project partly funded by the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It aims at creating a hub of high expertise in mobile App development to provide first class support to small and medium size (SME) companies in Wales in creating new and innovative mobile solutions to create new products and services to increase competitiveness and/or internal processes. The Centre is hosted by the University of Glamorgan which makes it unique in combining rich research and development cultures.

Besides the NGMAST 2011 conference, there is a showcasing event to allow Welsh companies that benefited from CEMAS support to showcase their apps. The first Welsh Apps Showcase will mark the launch of the Mobile Innovators Network (MINe) which will be a vehicle to convey CEMAS message widely. MINe has already over 40 member including large and small organisations from Wales, UK and beyond.

Participants from 21 countries facilitate a creative forum for the promotion of collaboration and knowledge transfer. In particular, the dialogue between the government, major industry players, SMEs and academia may help to create pathways for the development of common goals in a convergent network environment.

NGMAST 2011 enjoys the Technical Co-sponsorship of the IEEE Communications Society, the SIP-Forum and the European Council for Modelling and Simulation (ECMS). Additionally, the proceedings will again be published by IEEE Conference Publishing Services (IEEE CPS) in CD-ROM format.

NGAMST’11 has a distinguished programme including keynote talks from world leaders in the different themes of the conference. Professor Mohamad Obaidat from Monmouth University, USA with shares his vision on the trends and challenges in wireless networks while Professor Latif Ladid, President of IPv6 Forum, Luxemburg, will inform the participant about the activities within the IPv6 forum. In addition, the programme of NGMAST’11 consists of 40 high quality peer reviewed papers. The reviewing process was very rigorous to the strict standards of IEEE and the quality of reviews was exceptional providing very useful comments to the authors. I am therefore very grateful to each member of the distinguished Technical Programme Committee and the additional reviewers for their time and dedication.

I am very grateful to many organisations and individuals that supported the preparations for NGMAST’11. Firstly, I would like to thank our industrial Patron Nokia for their continuous support and sponsoring the proceedings. I would like also the CEMAS team for the excellent effort in the local organisation.

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