Message from the General Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to PACT 2002! PACT is continuing its recent tradition of being held in a beautiful, historic location. Following PACT 2000 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and PACT 2001 in Barcelona, Spain, we are pleased to host PACT 2002 in historic Charlottesville, Virginia. Charlottesville was settled in the eighteenth century, on a hill overlooking the Rivanna River, and it is named in honor of Princess Charlotte, the wife of King George III. For those interested in early American history, Charlottesville has something for everyone.

Charlottesville is home to the University of Virginia, which was founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819. We are indeed fortunate that on Monday evening of the conference, we will have a reception at the Colonnade Club in Pavilion VII of Jefferson’s Academical Village. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe were in attendance at the cornerstone-laying ceremony for Pavilion VII in 1817. Preceding the reception, we will tour the historic lawn area and visit the Rotunda, the centerpiece of Jefferson’s Academical Village.

Located within close proximity of Charlottesville are the homes of three of the first four American presidents. Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s home, is definitely worth a visit, as are Montpelier, the home of James Madison, and Ashlawn-Highland, the home of James Monroe. For those interested in the Civil War, there are numerous historical sites within short drives from Charlottesville. Also nearby is Skyline Drive, a 105-mile scenic parkway that traverses the length of the Shenandoah National Park. The park offers numerous trails that are suitable for day hikes. For wine lovers, there are several excellent Virginia vineyards that hold tastings in the early afternoon and evening.

PACT 2002 is being held in Charlottesville’s Omni Hotel, which is located at the west end of the Downtown Mall. The Downtown Mall is a vibrant collection of more than 120 shops and 30 restaurants (many with outdoor cafes) housed in the historic buildings on and around old Main Street. In the evenings, we hope that you find time to enjoy dining at a number of fine restaurants, shopping at the unique shops, meandering by flowing fountains, or simply relaxing under magnificent trees along the red bricked mall.

Beyond the beautiful location, we are pleased that PACT again offers an extremely strong technical program with papers from a unique blend of fields. In addition to the conference program, PACT 2002 is host to four workshops, two tutorials, and a work-in-progress session. We also have an excellent slate of keynote speakers.

Putting together a conference such as PACT requires the efforts of a number of dedicated volunteers. We thank the program committee chairs, Erik Altman and Sally A. McKee, and the program committee for assembling an excellent technical program. We thank Frank Mueller and Lixin Zhang for publicizing the conference; Evelyn Duesterwald for handling the conference finances; Bruce Childers, Kevin Scott, and Peggy Reed for local arrangements; Martin Schulz for assembling the conference proceedings; Chen Ding and E. Christopher Lewis
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Again, welcome to PACT 2002 and beautiful Charlottesville, Virginia.

Jack Davidson and Kevin Skadron

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