General Chairs’ Welcome Message

We welcome you to the 22nd International Conference on Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques – PACT’13 at the Surgeons’ Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Edinburgh, Scotland’s capital city, is host for this year’s conference. Edinburgh is an ancient city built on seven hills beside the Firth of Forth. Responsible for the Scottish Reformation and Enlightenment, it is now both a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the UK’s strongest economies. It is home to the world’s largest arts festival and is regularly voted as the best place to live in the UK.

PACT’13 is held in the Surgeons’ hall designed by the eminent architect William Henry Playfair and completed in 1832. It is the major medical museum for Scotland with connections to Edinburgh’s colourful past including the notorious Burke and Hare. A former president of the Royal College of Surgeons’ was the inspiration for Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes. The conference banquet is to be held at the hub, a former Church of Scotland and meeting place for the Scottish Parliament. It was built in 1845 and its gothic spire is the highest point in Edinburgh.

Organising PACT’13 is a team effort relying on the help of many. We would like to thank the Steering Committee Chairs, Prof Jean-Luc Gaudiot and Dr Kemal Ebcioğlu for their support and advice throughout the entire preparation period. The program chairs André Seznec and François Bodin have put together an excellent technical programme. We would like to thank our Finance Committee Tim Jones (Chair) and Joanne Pennie for their help. Thanks to our tutorial and workshop co-chairs Natalie Enright Jerger and Tom Wenisch and thanks to Erik Altman our ACM Student Research Competition Chair.

We would like to thank our industrial liaison committee John Cavazos (co-chair), Sally McKee (co-chair) and Wei Wang and special thanks to Christophe Dubach our Local Arrangements Chair. Our publicity Chairs were Ioana Baldini, Kei Hiraki, Wenguang Chen, Uday Khedker and Chronis Xekelakis; many thanks for their help. We would also like to thank our publication chair Hiroshi Sasaki, our web team Emily Blem (chair) and Matthew Bielby, our submission chair, Damien Hardy, our registration chair, Vijay Nagarajan, and finally our student travel award chair, Bruce Childers.

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We would also like to thank the Centre for Numerical Algorithms and Intelligent Software for sponsoring our keynote speakers, industrial supporters, CodePlay, IBM Research, Intel, Microsoft Research, Google, Reservoir Labs and the University of Edinburgh for their generous support.

We hope that you enjoy the conference and your stay in Edinburgh.

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