Preface from the Organizing Chair

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am very pleased to welcome you in Garching/Munich, Germany, to the 20th Euromicro International Conference on Parallel, Distributed and Network-based Processing (PDP 2012).

Supported by both the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich and the Leibniz Supercomputing Centre (LRZ), the Munich Network Management (MNM) Team proposed hosting the anniversary PDP conference in Garching on the outskirts of Munich. We are very proud that the proposal was accepted and that we now have the honor to share these conference days with you.

“Munich nestles between art and beer like a village between hills.” Originally written by Heinrich Heine some 150 years ago, these words remain true today. With the opera and the Oktoberfest, the Pinakothek art galleries and the Hofbräuhaus beer hall, the Bayern Munich soccer team, and BMW, the city manages to marry vibrant modern life with old Bavarian tradition. This not only holds for the Bavarian capital Munich, but also for the city of Garching which successfully combines its traditionally rural structure with modern high tech campuses.

Organizing such a prominent conference is always a team effort. Therefore, I would like to thank all members of the MNM Team, a virtual research group at LMU, Technische Universität München, the University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich, and the LRZ, for their outstanding support. I am also very grateful to the General Chairs, Dieter Krantzmüller and Arndt Bode, and the other two Conference Chairs, Rainer Stotzka and Yiannis Cotronis, for looking after the scientific aspects of the conference. Last but not least, special thanks go to the Euromicro team for their continuous assistance, especially to the Euromicro Chair Karl-Erwin Grosspietsch and the Euromicro Office Manager Brigitte Klöckner.

I hope that this year’s anniversary conference will be productive, pleasurable, and inspiring enough to encourage you to accept our invitation for joining next year’s PDP 2013.

Michael Schiffers
Organizing Chair