

## **General Chairs' Message**

On behalf of the organizing committee of the First IEEE/ACS International Conference on Pervasive Services (ICPS 2004), we are pleased to welcome you to Beirut, Lebanon. Pervasive computing and services are emerging as important computing paradigms in which infrastructure and services are seamlessly available anywhere, anytime, and in any format. This exciting new paradigm is the result of recent research and technological advances in wireless & sensor networks, mobile & agent computing, autonomic computing & services, and active networks. The technical program for the ICPS 2004 presents high-quality papers covering agent and autonomic computing, sensor networks, mobile ad hoc wireless networks and dynamic services.

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We also gratefully acknowledge our sponsors: IEEE Computer Society, Arab Computer Society and American University of Beirut.

On behalf of the organizing committees, we extend an invitation to our colleagues pursuing research in the area of pervasive computing services to join us as we develop new and exciting ICPS technologies and services.

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