MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIR

Welcome to the International Conference on Quality Software, (QSIC 2003) the third in a series of successful conferences, previously Asia-Pacific Conference on Quality Software (APAQS) in 2000 and 2001 in Hong Kong. It has transformed from a regional conference to a major international conference devoted to quality software. The program committee has developed an excellent technical program with broad international participation in this important area.

QSIC 2003, originally planned for Beijing, China in September 2003, was moved to Dallas, Texas, USA in November, because of the serious epidemic SARS during the first half of the year. This move has not affected our program development, although it may have some impact on the participation of some individuals.

The success of this conference, especially considering the unexpected adjustments made to location and time, largely depends on the contributions and devotion of many volunteers. First, I would like to thank all the program committee members, especially the co-chairs Huimin Lin and Hans-Dieter Ehrich, for the excellent technical program as well as many discussions for the relocation of this conference; all the organizing committee, especially Eric Wong for his extra effort to provide the local support in Dallas; and the registration co-chairs Dazhi Huang and H. F. Ting for handling the tedious registration task efficiently. I would like to thank the steering committee, especially its chair T. H. Tse and member T. Y. Chen, for their strong support and most valuable advice to make this conference possible. Finally, I would like to express appreciation to the organizing institutions, The Institute of Software of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Hong Kong and the Swinburne University of Technology, for their strong support to this conference.

We hope you will find your participation of this conference productive and memorable.

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