MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

The year 2003 marks the evolution of the Quality Software Conference from an Asia-Pacific-based regional event to a major international forum for quality software. This development is reflected in the changing of the conference name: from the Asia-Pacific Conference on Quality Software (APAQS) to the International Conference on Quality Software (QSIC).

Paper submission was overwhelming: a total of 180 submissions from 28 countries had been received, covering almost every aspect of software quality.

The large number of submissions posed a serious challenge to the program committee. To guarantee a high standard of the conference, PC members and the additional reviewers had to work very hard to generate review reports for all submissions within a tight time constraint. Among the 180 submissions, 40 regular papers, 9 experience reports and 5 short papers have been selected by the Program Committee to be presented in the conference, representing a 30% acceptance rate. It is a pity that many good papers were left out due to space limitation.

It is our great pleasure to have the opportunity to work with the PC members and additional reviewers, producing an impressive program for the conference. We are deeply indebted to T.H. Tse and T.Y. Chen for their invaluable advice and helps during the process.

We are lucky to have Dr. Bhavani Thuraisingham and Professor Joseph Goguen, who have agreed to honor the conference with keynote addresses.

Due to the unexpected outbreak of SARS in the first half of this year, QSIC’03 has to move from Beijing to Dallas. We are grateful to Professor Stephen Yau and his team for making the relocation possible.

We sincerely hope you will find the conference challenging and enjoyable.

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