Welcome to QSIC 2006, the Sixth International Conference on Quality Software, and to the ancient and young city of Beijing.

Software is becoming ubiquitous. From the tiny sensor to the huge World Wide Web, you can see so many devices are becoming software intensive. While the multifarious runtime environments enhanced the applications of software, and even lead to the service oriented computing in recent years, they are bringing also more dynamic, uncertain, and even error-prone to software. This situation makes software quality a serious problem for a long time. International Conference on Quality Software provides a platform for software researchers to exhibit and exchange their work on software quality, from idea, solution to experience. We hope all attendees can benefit from this platform by joining different sessions and meeting old and new friends!

This year, one hundred eighty one submissions were received. This is just the largest number for QSIC paper submission (In 2003, one hundred eighty submission were received). These papers covering a large variety of topics in quality software: formal methods, testing methods, tools, and education etc. Each submission was assigned to at least three PC members. In the end, fifty papers with high quality were published in the proceeding of QSIC 2006, representing a 28% acceptance rate.

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Because this is the first time that QSIC was held in Beijing. We sincerely hope you enjoy your time these days!

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