Message from the Organizing Chair

We are honored to welcome the 19th IEEE International Symposium on Rapid System Prototyping to beautiful Monterey. We invite you to enjoy the small town feel and explore the many leisure and cultural activities during your visit.

Monterey has one of the richest histories in California. Established in 1770 by Father Junípero Serra, Monterey served as the capital of California from 1777 to 1849 under Spanish and Mexican rule. San Carlos Cathedral, also founded by Father Serra, is the oldest continuously functioning church and the first stone building in the State of California. The Monterey Custom House was used by the Mexican government for the collection of taxes imposed on foreign merchants for all trade in Alta California, and is the oldest public building in California. It is now a public museum. Notable historical 'firsts' for Monterey include California's first theater, first publicly funded school, first public library, and first printing press.

These days, Monterey is home to a number of world-class educational institutions, including the Naval Postgraduate School, the Defense Language Institute, and the Monterey Institute of International Studies; the latter two help Monterey claim the title of *The Language Capital of the World*. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is one of the largest and most respected aquariums in the world, with many interactive exhibits and a strong focus on education and conservation. The aquarium is located on Cannery Row, home to Monterey's ill-fated fishing industry in the 1950's and the setting of the like-named novel from this time period by John Steinbeck. Other nearby attractions include Fisherman's Wharf, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach, and a beautiful scenic drive south along Highway 1.

We wish you the best during the workshop, and hope that you take the time during your visit to explore and enjoy our city.

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