Welcome to the workshops held in conjunction with the 2003 Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT-2003) held at Orlando, Florida, USA. The explosion of the Internet and its applications has been so rapid that it is now the main purpose of SAINT to detail its advancements.

However, there is some doubt whether the world of Internet Applications can be explored by the technical sessions, only. Therefore, we believe these workshops can be the ideal way to explore in even greater detail the various topics covered in the technical part of the SAINT proceedings.

Eight workshops, including a two-day workshop on Ipv6, are proposed this year. These are possible candidates for future SAINT technical tracks and we believe that they definitely will be.

These workshops have been proposed and handled independently by their respective organizers, who are in charge of soliciting invited contributions, evaluating submissions, and producing the workshop programs. Their diligent work has undoubtfully created programs of both quality and interest. We are deeply indebted to the hard work of these workshop organizers.

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