Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to the 2003 Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT 2003). SAINT represents a tremendous and very unique teamwork between two major sponsoring societies. Whilst the primary organizers are from the IEEE Computer Society and the Information Processing Society of JAPAN (IPSJ), its participants actually are assembled from many regions of the world. This is evidenced by the geographical diversity of the authors presenting papers in the technical program. We are very happy to see that this is truly an “Internet” conference that transcends geographical, cultural, racial, and technological boundaries. We are encouraged by the rapidly increasing number of symposium paper submissions, and an overwhelming response to the development of workshops. It is clear that SAINT, after almost three years of hard work, has successfully cultivated an internationally recognized technical forum at which both industrialists and academics can meet and share their knowledge and expertise.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the organizing committee. In particular the program chairs of SAINT 2003, Sumi Helal and Yuji Oie, who both worked extremely hard to develop an excellent symposium program. Our workshop programs, under the leadership of Shinji Shimojo, and Larry Xue, and with the help of other workshop organizers, have attracted many experts to eight different workshops. We also give our special thanks to Katsuyuki Yamazaki for spearheading the publicity efforts. Joe Urban, chair of the steering committee, provided timely advice during critical stages of the program development. In fact, all of the organizing committee members are excellent team players, and we appreciate and cherish the great teamwork that has helped make our job much easier.

We sincerely wish that you all find the program interesting and inspiring. Enjoy your stay here in Orlando!

Carl K. Chang and Jun Murai
SAINT 2003 General Chairs