Message from the Program Chairs

Welcome to Florida! and welcome to the Third IPSJ/IEEE Joint Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT). This year we have a strong technical program consisting of 14 sessions of full (regular size) papers, and 3 sessions of short papers. A total of 43 regular papers and 13 short papers cover a diversity of interesting topics. The papers are presented in two parallel tracks, which is a first in SAINT — a sign of a healthy growth for this symposium. In fact, a third parallel track is used on Friday for the afternoon sessions.

The technical papers included in this proceedings were selected from 149 submissions through a sufficiently rigorous review process. The vast majority of the papers were reviewed by three members of the program committee or by external reviewers. A small number of papers had to be reviewed in Honolulu by the 23 members who attended the Program Committee Meeting on Sept 22, 2002. We trust that you will find the papers to be of high quality, interesting and of timely importance.

Success of SAINT relies on the hard work of volunteers from both the IPSJ and IEEE Computer Society organizations. We would like to thank all members of the Program Committee for their hard work in reviewing the manuscripts and in shepherding some of the papers. We would also like to thank Yujia Ge for maintaining the SAINT web site and Choonhwa Lee for managing the WIMPE system and helping in PC meeting preparation. Special thanks also go to Dr. Masahiro Tsuchiya, who facilitated the local arrangements for our PC meeting in Honolulu. Without his help, it would have been difficult for all of us to meet half way in Hawaii.

We look forward to your participation in this and future SAINTs. We also hope to see you in the closing panel on Friday January 31. We are counting on your help in the form of input and discussion to shape the future directions of SAINT. We invite you to take part in this process.

We hope that you enjoy the symposium and the sunny weather in Florida.

Sumi Helal and Yuji Oie
SAINT 2003 Program Chairs