Message from
the Program Chairs

Welcome to Tokyo! and welcome to the Fourth IPSJ/IEEE Joint Symposium on Applications and the Internet (SAINT). This year we have a strong technical program consisting of 10 sessions of full (regular size) papers, and 3 sessions of short papers—a total of 29 regular papers and 13 short papers over a diversity of interesting topics.

The technical papers included in these proceedings were selected from 111 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 San Francisco by the 19 members and some Organizing Committee members who attended the Program Committee Meeting on August 28, 2003. We believe that you will find the papers to be high quality, interesting, and timely.

The 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 papers. We would also like to thank Mr. Richard van de Stadt at Borbala Online Conference Services who provided and maintained this year’s online submission system by CyberChair PRO. With this excellent system, our tedious job as Program Chairs became fun. Mr. Takeshi Kaishima maintained the SAINT submission Web site and helped in PC meeting preparation. Special thanks also go to Mr. Shigeru Miyake and Mr. Akira Yamamoto of Hitachi, Ltd. for providing a nice and convenient location for the PC meeting in San Francisco. We chose Hitachi America, Ltd. for the PC site because it is very close (10 min by car) to the San Francisco Airport, conveniently located (one hop) from both Europe and Japan.

This year’s program includes a wide range of applications of the Internet such as Mobile Communication, Collaborative systems, and Web services. Also, operational and performance aspects of the Internet such as Internet operations, broadband services, protocols, and Internet security are covered. Various topics on applications and the Internet are discussed in short papers.

We look forward to your participation in this and future SAINT conferences. We also hope to see you in the closing panel on Friday, 30 January, where your direct feedback affects the future directions of SAINT. We invite you to take part in this process.

We hope that you enjoy the symposium and the modern atmosphere in the Tokyo bay area.

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Program Chairs