Message from the Program Chairs

Welcome to the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Services Computing (SCC 2009)! The SCC series of conferences is becoming an established and prestigious forum for the exchange of the latest research results in Service Computing, which is a new field that aims to study and better understand the computing foundations of the highly successful services industry. It covers the science and technology of leveraging computing and information technology to model, create, operate, and manage business services. We are confident that SCC 2009 will significantly contribute to pushing the boundary of service computing, and as a result advance the overall state of services science. SCC is being held for the very first time in India and we are very happy to welcome SCC 2009 to Bangalore - the capital of India’s IT industry.

There are several highlights in this year’s conference, including three keynotes by leaders in the services field: Girish Paranjpe, Robert Glushko and Ray Harishankar. We also have twelve sessions on state-of-the-art research results, ranging from cutting edge topics such as resource optimization and problem determination in IT services to more established areas such as BPM and SOA. The call for papers attracted 190 research paper submissions which went through a thorough evaluation process to end up with the final list of 36 accepted papers. Each paper was evaluated meticulously with some papers having as many as 5 reviews. A few of the papers were shepherded by program committee members to ensure that the feedback provided by the reviewers was incorporated in the final camera ready version of the paper. Thanks to the hard work of the program committee members, we feel that we have managed to raise the quality of the SCC research program this year. In addition to the research track, SCC 2009 also features an industrial track and an interesting set of workshops, panels and work-in-progress sessions which will provide thought provoking ideas and research directions in service computing.

Finally we would like to thank all the people who contributed to SCC 2009. Clearly, foremost thanks go to the authors of all the submitted papers. We are also grateful for the dedication and hard work of all program committee members and the external reviewers for making the review process both thorough and effective. Our sincere thanks to our technical assistant Manish Bhide for his excellent work in coordinating all the tasks and helping us come up with this high quality research program. We also would like to thank the support of the SCC 2009 general chairs Leon Zhao, Harrick Vin and Sumit Sarkar, and Publication Chair Jia Zhang. In addition, we would like to express our appreciation to L. J. Zhang, chair of SCC Technical Steering Committee, for his constant and strong support during the program development.

Guruduth Banavar
Program Committee Co-Chair, Director, IBM Research - India, New Delhi and Bengaluru,
Chief Technologist, IBM India / South Asia

Stephen Yau
Program Committee Co-Chair, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering,
Director, Information Assurance Center, Arizona State University, USA

Patrick Hung
Program Committee Vice-Chair, Associate Professor and IT Director, Faculty of Business and Information Technology, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Canada