Welcome to SCC 2016! Since its inception, SCC has rapidly grown to become a top-ranked international forum for researchers and practitioners in the area of services computing. SCC brings together a diverse community to share ideas, present experimental results, and discuss experiences in building some of the world’s most challenging systems.

This year’s research track attracted many submissions from a tremendously diverse group of authors. Each paper was reviewed by three to five program committee members. After initial review and follow-up discussions, the program committee selected 41 articles (resulting in an acceptance rate of 20%) for presentation in the research track. A number of strong papers that didn’t seem appropriate for the research track were forwarded to other SCC tracks, where they were considered along with submissions sent directly to those tracks.

To further enhance the review quality, we as 2016 SCC PC Chairs have adopted an Area Chair instrument in the paper submission and review process. Seven focused areas are identified: Foundations of Services Computing; Scientific Workflows; Business Process Integration and Management; High Assurance Services; Modeling of Services Systems; SOA Service Applications; and Service Lifecycle Management. Submitted papers are allocated to corresponding areas based on paper content. Area Chairs take charge of the paper assignment and review process, and make recommendations to PC Chairs. We thank our Area Chairs for their hard work: Yu Deng, Chi-Hung Chi, Ladjel Bellatreche, Jianwu Wang, Massimo Micelle, Jun Shen, George Spanoudakis, Nuno Antunes, Supratik Mukhopadhyay, Gianmario Motta, Junhua Ding, Hongbing Wang, Maja Vukovic, Janaka L. Balasooriya, Muhammad Younas, Qiang (Nathan) He, and Shangguan Wang. The research track comprises 14 sessions centered on the areas listed here.

We sincerely appreciate all of the authors who submitted their work to the conference. The quality of submissions this year was extremely high, resulting in very difficult decision-making for paper acceptance, but in the end we feel gratified by the excellence of the final program. We are also very grateful to the members of the research-track program committee, and also to the external reviewers who agreed to help. Their timely completion of the reviews and their active participation in discussions are the keys to a fair, thorough, and highly effective paper selection process. We also want to thank the SCC steering
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