Message from the General Chair

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the main EUROMICRO event, the joint 16th Digital Systems Design (DSD 2013) and the 39th Software Engineering and Advanced Applications (SEAA 2013) Conferences. The unique integration of these two high quality conferences provides an opportunity for interdisciplinary research to be presented and enables scientist to observe connections as well as collaboration opportunities among diverse but highly interrelated fields.

I am honored to host the DSD/SEAA event in Santander, the capital of the autonomous community and historical region of Cantabria situated on the north coast of Spain. The northern regions of Spain are often less known to foreign visitors, but this area keeps some of the jewels of the country: amazing landscapes and charming beaches, a rich historical heritage, friendly peoples and natural preserves.

Santander spreads along the bay and the ocean. There are several beaches and harbors limiting the city on the northern side, towards the southern part you'll find the old city centre and a bit further the green mountains. We could say that Santander is between the blue and the green. Santander is an important tourism destination in Spain. Besides its appeal as a holiday resort, the city is becoming an important centre for congresses and conferences. Additionally, the whole region of Cantabria has a wide range of opportunities and excursions for exploring the nature, with beautiful mountains, prehistoric sites, sky resorts, beautiful villages and world heritage sites such as the Altamira caves with prehistoric paintings, the park of Cabárceno, the charming village of Santillana del Mar, Comillas, San Vicente de la Barquera, Suances and Laredo, famous for their beaches.

This year the quantity of submissions was beyond our expectations. Program committees of SEAA and DSD have done an excellent work of reviewing and selecting the papers. I would like to first thank all the authors for their high quality research and their decision to present their work in DSD/SEAA. We would like to thank the program chairs, José Silva Matos, Francesco Leporati (DSD), Onur Demirors and Oktay Türetken (SEAA), the track chairs, the program committees and associated reviewers for selecting high quality work and providing significant feedback to the authors. They are behind the high technical quality of both conferences.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank the organization committee members Michael G. Harbour, Ramón Beivide, Pablo Sánchez and the Fundación Leonardo Torres Quevedo, the publication chair Amund Skavhaung, the researchers of the GIM-GESE, Luis Muñoz from SmartSantander, the University of Cantabria and the City Council of Santander. All of them have actively contributed to the organization of the DSD/SEAA event.

We hope the conference in Santander will bring the relaxing atmosphere for a profitable scientific experience and a wonderful personal stay.

Eugenio Villar

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