Welcome to SERA 2009!

It is indeed our pleasure to welcome all of you to the 7th ACIS International Conference on Software Engineering Research, Management and Applications (SERA 2009), December 2-4, 2009, Haikou, Hainan Island, China.

SERA ’09 features excellent theoretical and practical contributions in the areas of formal methods and tools, requirements engineering, software process models, communication systems and networks, software quality & evaluation, software engineering, networks & mobile computing, parallel/distributed computing, component-based software development, artificial intelligence and applications, software testing, reuse and metrics, database retrieval, computer security, software architectures and modeling.

We received over 200 papers from the scientific community in 19 different countries all over the world. Each paper was reviewed by three members of the International Program Committee and additional reviewers. A large number of the papers were high quality submissions. After the completion of the peer review process, 60 papers were selected for presentation at the conference.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following people for contributing to the success of this conference: Professors Roger Lee, George Du, Conference Chairs; and Professors Sihan Qing and Haeng-Kon Kim, our Keynote Speakers; the Publicity Chairs and the International Program Committee members who rose beyond the call of duty, contributing a large percentage of their time; the referees who accepted the last minute requests for extra reviews; the session chairs who preside over the sessions; all the authors, attendees, presenters who really made this conference possible and successful; and, finally, the administrative staff at the ACIS Headquarters and the editorial staff at the IEEE Computer Society.

We hope you enjoy the conference, and enjoy staying at Haikou!

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