Welcome to the 2007 IEEE Congress on Services (SERVICES 2007) sponsored by IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Services Computing. SERVICES 2007 celebrates the third gathering of the IEEE International Conference on Web Services (ICWS 2007) and IEEE International Conference on Services Computing (SCC 2007) along with other events to explore the science and technology of the field of services computing, which was promoted by the IEEE Computer Society in 2003. From a technology foundation perspective, Services Computing has become the default discipline for the emerging modern services science.

In addition to keynotes, panels, tutorials, SERVICES 2007 includes the following key events:

- **2007 IEEE International Services Computing Contest.** The 2007 IEEE International Services Computing Contest (SCContest 2007) focuses on using SOA methodologies and tools to better solve business issues facing companies today and bringing together talented students from throughout the world to help industry with this challenge. The top winners of the contest will be announced at IEEE SERVICES 2007. In addition, the technical papers of the winners have been published in the IEEE SCC 2007 Proceedings.

- **2007 IEEE SOA Industry Summit.** The 2007 IEEE SOA Industry Summit encourages industry people to submit presentations and two-page papers instead of 8-page research reports. The accepted papers have been published in the IEEE SCC 2007 Proceedings. The theme of the IEEE SOA Industry Summit is service-oriented architecture (SOA).

- **IEEE Services Computing Workshops (SERVICES 2007).** SERVICES 2007 includes a set of workshops that focus on various themes of services computing and Web services. All accepted workshop papers will be published in the proceedings of the IEEE Congress on Services (SERVICES 2007).

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- **IEEE Symposium on SOA Standards.** SERVICES 2007 will present the 2007 IEEE Symposium on SOA Standards as a forum for international researchers and practitioners to discuss and establish standards around SOA.

The two flagship conferences, ICWS 2007 and SCC 2007, are strategic parts of SERVICES 2007. ICWS 2007 and SCC 2007 will continue to focus on the high-quality research and industry paper sessions.

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