Welcome to SNPD 2006! It is our great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Seventh ACIS International Conference on Software Engineering Artificial Intelligence, Networking, and Parallel/Distributed Computing (SNPD 2006), June 19–20, 2006, Excaliber Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

It is indeed a great pleasure to see the seventh SNPD here at Las Vegas, Nevada. It began with only a small group of acquainted people in a small town called Reims in France. It has traveled to six different countries as of this year and is known as a popular conference at which researchers, scientists, engineers, industry practitioners, and students from all over the world can exchange and share their experiences, new ideas, and research results about all aspects of computer and information science. SNPD 2006 aims to facilitate cross-fertilizations among, and is soliciting papers in, the key technology enabling areas including software/requirements engineering, software architecture, software testing, cryptography and network security, Internet technology, communication systems and networks, mobile/wireless/ad hoc networks, visual and multimedia computing, image, speech, and signal processing, data mining and knowledge discovery, voice-over-IP, web and e-commerce modeling and applications, e-learning, natural language processing, and neural networks.

We received 89 papers from the scientific community from 13 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 completion of the peer review process, 66 papers were selected for presentation at the conference.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following people for contributing to the success of this conference: our keynote speaker; Dr. Linda Northrop; 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 will preside over the sessions; all the authors, attendees, and presenters who really made this conference possible and successful; and, finally, the administrative staff at ACIS headquarters and the editorial staff at the IEEE.

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