Welcome to SNPD2008 in Phuket! On the behalf of the organizing and the program committees, I would like to warmly welcome you to Thailand for attending the Ninth ACIS International Conference on Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Networking, and Parallel/Distributed Computing.

SNPD 2008 provides an international forum for researchers, scientists, engineers, industry practitioners, and advanced graduate students throughout the world to meet each other, to discuss their experiences and new ideas about important fields of computer and information science.

The call for papers included topics from software engineering (architectures, components, services, specification, testing), artificial intelligence (data mining, knowledge discovery, genetic algorithms, natural language processing, neural networks), networking (communication systems, mobile, wireless and ad-hoc networks, voice-over-IP), and parallel/distributed/real-time computing (embedded systems, internet technology, image, speech and signal processing), and modern applications (e-commerce, web applications).

This year’s SNPD received 470 submissions from 35 countries around the world. Each paper was reviewed by at least two program committees to evaluate its technical quality and contribution to the conference. After a rigorous blind review, 160 papers have been selected for oral presentation and inclusion into the proceedings with an acceptance rate of 34%. A collection of outstanding papers was selected to be published in Springer's Studies in Computation Intelligence (SCI). The 2nd International Workshop on Advanced Internet Technology and Application (AITA2008)—Convergence of Information Science and Technology accepted five papers out of 15 submissions.

The technical program of SNPD2008 includes a full three days conference with around forty technical sessions running in parallel, two keynote speakers, one tutorial, and one workshop.

I would like to thank the 154 members of the international program committee and the 79 additional reviewers for their quality reviews. Their dedicated and prompt work was indispensable to compose a high quality conference program.

We hope that all presenters and attendees will actively contribute to the success of SNPD2008. We are looking forward to excellent presentations and interesting discussions broadening the professional horizons. All participants are invited to make new friends within the ACIS family!

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