Message from General Chairs

Welcome to SSIRI 2009, The Third IEEE International Conference on Secure Software Integration and Reliability Improvement, and welcome to Shanghai the largest city in China.

SSIRI 2009 is intended to bring together a wide range of researchers and practitioners who will present their on-going ideas, outcomes of most recent research, experiences, and best-of-breed practices for developing reliable, secure, and trustworthy software systems in a more effective and efficient way. Through keynotes, presentations, and discussions, they will provide answers to questions related to software security and reliability, and raise questions yet to be answered. Proceedings of the conference will serve as reference and educational material for researchers, practitioners, and students of this field.

This year's conference has a very strong technical program. In addition to five keynote addresses, it also includes a selection of rigorously refereed papers presented in nine regular paper sessions, three short paper sessions, two fast abstract sessions, and two student doctoral program sessions. There are two workshops co-located with the main conference as well.

We also have a special conference excursion to the two most attractive sites in Shanghai: Yuyuan Garden – a 20,000 square meters (about five acres) classical Chinese garden originally finished in 1577, and Chenghuang Temple – a Taoist temple first constructed during the Yongle reign (1403-1424) of the Ming Dynasty and a key historical site of Shanghai City now.

We would like to thank the IEEE Reliability Society for being a Technical Sponsor of this conference and Shanghai Jiao Tong University as a co-Sponsor for making all the local arrangements and providing a special fund from its International Academic Conferences Program. Special thanks go to many individuals who have contributed to the success of this conference. We thank the authors for sharing their ideas with us, the reviewers for providing valuable feedback, and all the PC members, especially the three Program co-Chairs: Dr. Amit Paradkar from IBM Watson Research, Dr. Rajesh Subramanyan from Siemens Corporate Research, and Professor Fei Xie from Portland State University, for taking time from their busy schedules to help us organize this conference. Thank you also to Dr. Samuel Keene (Vice President for Technical Activities, IEEE Reliability Society) and Alfred Stevens (Vice President for Meetings, IEEE Reliability Society) for their advice and invaluable support, Vidroha Debroy (University of Texas at Dallas) for serving as the Publicity Chair, and Professor Jianjun Zhao, Professor Beijun Shen, and their students (all from Shanghai Jiao Tong University) for assisting with registration and many other logistics without which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to proceed.

Thank you for attending SSIRI 2009. We hope that you enjoy the program and have a pleasant stay in Shanghai.

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