Message from the Program Chairs

IUCC 2013

On behalf of the Program Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 12th IEEE International Conference on Ubiquitous Computing and Communications (IUCC 2013) held in Melbourne, a popular tourist city destination in Australia. The beautiful Melbourne has been constantly ranked as the world’s most livable city in ratings published by the Economist Group’s Intelligence Unit.

IUCC 2013 is in a series of highly successful international events, previously held as IUCC 2012 (Liverpool, UK, June 2012), IUCC 2011 (Dalian, China, August 2011), PMEO-UCNS 2010 (Atlanta, USA, April 2010), PMEO-UCNS 2009 (Rome, Italy, May 2009), PMEO-UCNS 2008 (Miami, USA, April 2008), PMEO-PDS 2007 (Long Beach, USA, March 2007), PMEO-PDS 2006 (Rhodes Island, Greece, April 2006), PMEO-PDS 2005 (Denver, USA, April 2005), PMEO-PDS 2004 (Santa Fe, USA, April 2004), PMEO-PDS 2003 (Nice, France, April 2003), PMEO-PDS 2002 (Fort Lauderdale, USA, April 2002).

This year the Conference attracted 138 submissions addressing research challenges and advances towards the design, implementation and evaluation of ubiquitous computing and communications technologies, systems and applications. Although the reviewing process ran into a very tight schedule, most papers ended up with three reviews. In some cases we commissioned a fourth, even fifth, review where the opinion was divided. Based on the critical reviews of the referees and subsequent discussion among members of the Program Committee, 28 high-quality papers with authors from more than twenty countries over five continents (Oceania, North America, Europe, North Africa and Asia) were finally accepted, indicating an acceptance rate of less than 20.3%.

We are very grateful to the General Chairs, Wanlei Zhou, Deakin University, Australia, Beniamino Di Martino, Seconda Universita di Napoli, Italy, and Geyong Min, University of Bradford, UK, for their constant support and kind guidance that make the Conference possible. We highly appreciate the members of the Program Committee, as well as the additional reviewers they called upon, for their valuable time and profound expertise for reviewing papers. We would also like to thank all the authors who submitted papers to the Conference.

Finally, we hope that you enjoy the conference program, as well as your stay in Melbourne, Australia.

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