Message from the General Chairs

On behalf of the WAIM 2008 Organizing Committee, we welcome you to the Ninth International Conference on Web-Age Information Management and to the beautiful city of Zhangjiajie.

As with the previous WAIM conferences, this year’s program includes research papers covering a wide spectrum of topics in Web-age information management. We are excited about the excellent program put together by the PC chairs, Yan Jia and Weiyi Meng, and the entire program committee, as well as by the workshop chair Weihong Han, demo chair Dongwon Lee, industrial track chair Jiangning Liu, tutorial chair Susan Gauch, and panel chair Aoying Zhou. Ning Jing, the proceedings chair of WAIM 2008, also worked diligently to produce the conference proceedings. We hope all of you will also enjoy this program and attend as many sessions as possible.

The success of the conference would not have been possible without the hard work of many people and we would like to thank their contributions as well. The local arrangement co-chairs, Shuqiang Yang and Wei Xiong, and their team, worked tirelessly to make all necessary arrangements for the conference. Bin Zhou is the financial and registration chair. Andreas Thor, Wai Gen Yee and Lihua Yue are the publicity co-chairs. Our special thanks go to the Webmaster of the conference website, Zheng Liang, for his great effort in keeping the website up and running.

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Finally, we would like to use this opportunity to thank X. Sean Wang, the Steering Committee Liaison to WAIM 2008, for his able guidance.

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