Message from the Organizer of WET ICE 2002

This year we had three workshops under the aegis of WET ICE 2002: (1) Enterprise Security (7th year), (2) Web-based Infrastructures and Coordination Architectures for Collaborative Enterprises (5th year) and (3) Evaluating Collaborative Enterprises (3rd year). Thirty-eight papers were submitted of which twenty-three full papers (60% acceptance) and four short papers were accepted for publication. The attendees were from ten countries around the globe, thus maintaining the international character of WET ICE. I would like to thank the organizers and the program committees of the three workshops for their diligent work to maintain the quality of the papers.

Most of the papers were presented at the joint session for the benefit of all the attendees and to promote interaction among the workshops. The parallel sessions were devoted to group discussions relevant to each workshop. On the final day of WET ICE, the organizers of each workshop presented their group report to all the attendees, as done in the past. After the conference, these reports were finalized by the workshop organizers as the outcome of each workshop, and are included in the Proceedings.

The two plenary talks “Team-Based Design: Collaboration Across Time and Space” by Professor Daniel P. Siewiorek, and “Vulnerability Analysis of Networked Systems” by Professor Jeannette Wing, both professors at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), were very much enjoyed by the attendees.

This was the first time for WET ICE to be held at Carnegie Mellon University, which provided a wonderful and intellectually stimulating environment. We are very grateful to the local chairs Professor Cristina Amon, Director and Dr. Eswaran Subrahmanian of the Institute for Complex Engineered Systems (ICES) of CMU for hosting the WET ICE and also for facilitating the tour of the Laboratory for the Wearable Computers, famous for its state-of-the-art research. This tour, given by the ICES Senior Scientist Dr. Asim Smailigic, was extremely appreciated and enjoyed by all. Special thanks go to Ms. Dana Hilinski and her assistants at ICES for the local arrangements and for providing the on-site help throughout the three-day conference.

The venue of WET ICE 2003 will be the picturesque city of Linz, situated on the Danube in Austria—the first time for WET ICE to be held outside the US. Professor Gabriele Kotsis who has been associated with WET ICE for a number of years and played many key roles will be the General Chair of WET ICE 2003. I hope to see all of you next year in Austria.

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