Message from the Conference Chairs

Welcome to WICSA 2008! And welcome to Vancouver.

The Working IEEE/IFIP Conference on Software Architecture (WICSA) series has now been running since 1999, when it was first held in San Antonio, Texas. This 7th edition in Vancouver, BC (WICSA 2008) will once more bring together software engineering practitioners and researchers from industry and academia to exchange experiences, results and ideas related to all aspects of software architecture.

WICSA is always a blend of research and practice and, as can be seen from the programme and those involved in the conference organisation, WICSA 2008 continues this tradition with research papers, experience reports, case studies and working sessions, reflecting views from across the discipline of software architecture. The programme committee accepted 23 long papers and presentations, from 80 submissions made by researchers and practitioner from 25 countries. 20 short submissions were also selected for inclusion in the conference’s working groups.

We would like to thank our programme committee for their thorough and timely reviews of the submissions, which enabled the rigorous selection of a very strong programme.

We are also delighted to welcome Andrew Brownsword of Electronic Arts and Ian Gorton of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as our keynote speakers and would like to thank them for taking the time to share their ideas and experiences with us.

The working sessions, which are a key feature of WICSA, were selected and set up by Judy Stafford, Christine Hofmeister, Eljio Poort and Rod Nord.

We would also like to thank Paul Clements for managing the selection of an excellent set of tutorials for the conference.

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David Garlan, Research programme chair
Eoin Woods, Industrial programme chair
Philippe Kruchten, General conference chair