WICSA is the premier gathering of practitioners and researchers interested in improving the state of practice of Software Architecture. Since its inception, WICSA has functioned as a working conference, where researchers meet practitioners to engage in stimulating discussions and experience exchanges. For those that have participated and contributed to WICSA over the years, we look forward to the annual opportunity to physically meet up with other likeminded professionals and researchers and together continue to make advances in the field of Software Architecture.

This year, WICSA 2014 continues the ‘Working Conference’ tradition, and aims to create a conducive environment for researchers and practitioners to meet, and to advance the discipline further. The global software industry is advancing at an unprecedented fast pace, with continual hyper-growth in areas such as cloud, data, mobile, and social, and all of these growth drivers call for novel software architecture tools and techniques that can better design, build and manage these ultra-large scale, globally connected software systems of the future.

WICSA 2014 brings together a number of international luminaries as keynote speakers: Dr Swee Lim Distinguished Engineer LinkedIn, Dr Jim Webber, Chief Scientist Neo Technology and Professor Kees Dorst, Design Innovation University of Technology Sydney. These leaders provide much thought provoking materials for discussions for all participants. In addition, WICSA 2014 produces a quality technical research track, an industry day, and comprehensive workshops and tutorial programs.

This 11th Working IEEE/IFIP Conference on Software Architecture (WICSA) is held in Sydney Australia for the first time. On behalf of the local organising committee, we welcome the international community in software architecture research to our beautiful host city Sydney, and we hope you enjoy the interactions, exchanges and working sessions you will engage in with the vibrant Australian software architect community.

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