Message from the General Chairs

Welcome to WISE’2000! WISE’2000 is the First International Conference on Web Informational Systems Engineering. This meeting is a timely response to the recent advances in Internet and World Wide Web technologies and is to provide a forum for the exchange and dissemination of most recent research results in design, development and management of Web-based Information Systems. This is a very exciting and growing area in Web, databases and information systems research.

With the careful planning and dedicated team effort, this conference has set a very high standard for WISE conference series, and will provide a good base for future conferences. We particularly thank Qing Li, Meral Ozsuyoglu and Roland Wagner, who have produced a promising, well balanced technical program for WISE’00 main program; Xiaofang Zhou, the Workshop Chair, together with Joseph Fong, Yun Yang and Willam Song, who has coordinated and organised a collection of high quality focused workshops and special sessions; Klaus Dittrich, the Tutorial Chair, who has coordinated and selected three interesting tutorials from seven submissions. Furthermore, William Song, Antonio Si and Weijia Jia have all worked efficiently to publicize this important meeting. The success of this conference has also rested with the international Program Committee of 60 members who have provided expert reviews and recommendations to help select high quality papers and presentations for this conference.

WISE’2000 is proud and honored to have three distinguished keynote speakers as a major highlight of this conference: Prof C.V. Ramamoorthy of University of California at Berkeley, Prof Benjamin Wah of Illinois University at Urbana-Champaign and Prof Hans-Jorg Schek from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. We are also grateful to DASFAA Steering Committee members for their contributions to the conference and for having their steering committee meeting at WISE’00.

We must express our gratitude to all those people who have helped create the success of the WISE’00 conference. We are grateful to the Honorary General Chair, Prof Horace Ip, the Head of Computer Science Department at City University of Hong Kong, for his generous support to this conference. Prof Tosiyasu L. Kunii from Hosei University has actively participated in the early planning of the conference and offered many valuable suggestions. Xiaohua Jia undertook the important role of the Treasurer, and has ensured that this meeting has been well funded and supported by many generous sponsors. Registration and accommodation coordination was excellently organized by Xiaohua Jia and Jian Ma (Local Organizing Co-Chairs). Monica Lau, our conference secretary, has assisted the various conference office bearers on registration, conference home page maintenance, and keeping track of the review process and helped on all aspects of the conference.

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WISE’2000 Conference is being held from 19-21 June in Hong Kong, an international city with the mixture of the best from the East and West. Hong Kong offers plenty of options, ranging from a junk cruise to remote islands with long Chinese traditions to a breathtaking hike over rolling green hills to stunning white beaches, a trek to charming Chinese fishing villages or a fascinating city tour of art, history and modern museums. It is a wonderful location to start the new WISE conference series in the new millenium.

We are looking forward to welcoming all participants to WISE’2000. This two volume proceedings, Volume 1 for WISE main program and Volume 2 for three focused WISE Workshops, intends to share this extensive intellectual environment with all the readers.

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