Message from
the Workshop Co-Chairs

Information systems are rapidly being influenced by Web technologies and are driven by their growth and proliferation to create next-generation Web information systems. The purpose of the WISE workshops (organized in conjunction with Third International Conference on Web Information Systems Engineering) was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences among the theoretical and practitioners who are involved in design, management, and implementation of Web-based information systems.

This year we accepted three workshops that cover many topics related to the theme of the WISE conference and workshops. These workshops are on “Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems (W2GIS),” “Data Semantics in Web Information Systems (DASWIS),” and “Mining for Web Enhanced Search (MEWS).”

Dr. Chaitan Baru, Dr. Christophe Claramunt, Dr. Bo Huang, and Dr. Stefano Spaccapietra organized the W2GIS workshop. This workshop addresses the topics related to the integration of the wireless components and the management and delivery of GIS content in the mobile Internet. The DASWIS workshop was organized by Dr. S. K. Gupta and addressed the topics related to data semantics for facilitating data dissemination and use, secure access, and conceptual modeling and design of next-generation Web information systems. The MEWS workshop was organized by Dr. Ji-Rong Wen and Dr. Huan Liu and addressed topics related to using Web mining to enhance Web searching.

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