Message from the Conference General Chairs

The International Conference on Web Information Systems aims to provide an international forum for researchers, professionals, and industrial practitioners to share their knowledge in the rapidly growing area of Web technologies. This additional volume of workshop papers, distributed as post-workshop proceedings, represents publications presented at the three workshops held in conjunction with WISE 2002. They are:

• The Second International Workshop on Web and Wireless Geographical Information Systems (W2GIS 2002). This workshop is the follow-up of the successful first workshop held at the WISE 2001 conference in Kyoto, Japan. As with the inaugural workshop, the organizers are Dr. Chaitan Baru, Dr. Christophe Claramunt, Dr. Bo Huang, and Dr. Stefano Spaccapietra.

• The International Workshop on Data Semantics in Web Information Systems (DASWIS 2002). This workshop focuses on modeling data semantics and is chaired by Dr. A. Min Tjoa. In 2001, this workshop was held in conjunction with the 20th International Conference on Conceptual Modeling ER 2001 in Yokohama, Japan.

• The First International Workshop on Mining for Enhanced Web Search (MEWS 2002). This workshop on Web Mining is organized by Dr. Ji-Rong Wen and Dr. Huan Liu.

The efforts of the workshop chairs and the program committee chairs are gratefully acknowledged. We thank them for selecting good quality papers in their respective areas of interest. The workshops complement each other and the WISE conference program, thereby enriching the conference for participants and authors. We also wish to thank the invited speakers for W2GIS and DASWIS for their presentations.

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As with the volume of the main conference, we are confident that readers from both industry and academia will find the papers a source of knowledge and inspiration.

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