Preface

Built on its successful predecessors, the Fifth International Workshop on Object-Oriented Real-Time Dependable Systems (WORDS’99F) continued its theme that focuses on both theoretical and applied research results that serve as tools for developing the next generation of object-oriented real-time dependable systems. The papers presented this year cover a wide spectrum of subjects related to the foundation and applications of object-oriented real-time dependable systems. We have carefully arranged them into seven topical areas: Software Engineering, Run-Time Support, Newly Emerging Issues, Real-Time Distributed Computing Tools, Quality of Service, Fault-Tolerance and Other Works in Progress, and Protocols. We organized one outstanding panel on Summary of Progress and New Issues that attracted strong interest. WORDS’99F was blessed with a very strong program that provided balanced coverage of the field.

We are glad that WORDS’99F provided a forum for researchers and professionals to discuss these important topics. WORDS’99F continued the tradition of welcoming interesting ideas and significant research results. All attendees will agree with us that we greatly enjoyed the relaxing and friendly atmosphere at Monterey while exchanging serious technical ideas. We thank all attendees for their outstanding contributions and participation that made the workshop a real success. We especially want to thank the program co-chairs, Drs. Luiz Bacellar and Michael Mock, and the program committee members for their excellent service in organizing such an outstanding program.