A warm welcome to the Ninth IEEE International Conference on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WoWMoM2008) being held at Newport Beach California during June 23-26, 2008. This conference follows highly successful conferences in the past few years, making the WoWMoM event a very highly popular and productive event for researchers and students working in these interdisciplinary and application rich topics. On behalf of the steering and organizing committees of WoWMoM 2008, we are proud to write this message.

The overwhelming success of this conference is due, in good part, to the efforts of the technical program committee chaired by Giuseppe Anastasi (University of Pisa, Italy) and Nalini Venkatasubramanian (University of California, Irvine). Giuseppe and Nalini have been outstanding, showing high regard to quality and fairness. The program chairs and the rest of the program committee deserve deep appreciation and commendation for their exceptional work through out the paper review process. The technical program has been prepared with great care and understanding of the complex dynamics associated with the variety of events. Our special thanks go to Vincent Stanford (NIST, USA) for arranging keynote speeches from distinguished speakers of international repute, and covering the areas of wireless, mobile, multimedia, networking and applications. We appreciate the efforts of Silvia Giordano (SUPSI, Switzerland) and Ramesh Rao (University of California, San Diego) for moderating two very interesting panels. Thanks to Shivajit Mohapatra (Motorola Research Labs, USA) for organizing the demonstrations and Giridhar Mandayam (Qualcomm, USA) for procuring industry sponsorships. We thank Anand Prasad (NEC, Japan) and Farooq Anjum (Qualcomm) for organizing the Industry Sessions, and Seon Ho Kim (University of Denver, USA) and Enzo Mingozzi (University of Pisa, Italy) in coordinating the publications process. We are thankful to Yonghe Liu for handling the registrations and finances in a very professional way, as in the past.

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In summary, the conference program is rich and diverse in terms of quality of the technical sessions, and provides opportunities for interactions and collaborations. We wish all participants a very enjoyable and professionally fruitful experience at WoWMoM 2008 in Newport Beach. Thanks to you all for your participation, it has been our distinct privilege to work with you all.

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