

# Message from the General Chair

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**Welcome to WSE 2002!** The potential of the Web as a vehicle for offering a variety of services is becoming increasingly apparent. A number of new standards and commercial products are emerging, offering a basis for migrating existing systems to Web services, extending both the range and scope of functionality that can be made available through the Web.

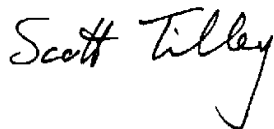
The goal of this one-day workshop is to bring together members of the Web design, software engineering, and information technology communities to discuss techniques for migrating to Web services. WSE 2002 provides an opportunity for the exchange of information related to exciting new research and empirical results in areas including (but not limited to):

- Migrating to Web services
- Web quality determination & improvement via process management and product control
- Enhancing Web sites to make them more accessible, reliable, and usable
- Analyzing and reverse-engineering Web site content and structure
- Making Web site content available in multiple formats for multiple platforms
- Applying traditional software engineering activities to Web sites
- Case studies of large-scale Web site reuse, reengineering, and evolution

I would like to thank the Program Co-Chairs, Paolo Tonella and Cornelia Boldyreff, for their excellent work in putting together a superb program. They took the lead on soliciting papers, shepherding the submissions through the reviewing process, and interfacing with the IEEE Computer Society Press to create these wonderful Proceedings that you have in your hands.

I am very pleased that the fourth meeting of this growing research community is co-located with the IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance (ICSM 2002). I hope WSE 2002 can follow the example set by the previous workshops in Atlanta in 1999, Zurich in 2000, and Florence in 2001, to provide a stimulating and enjoyable event.

Les meilleurs voeux pour un séjour plaisant à Montréal.



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