Foreword

The Ninth Conference on Software Engineering Education (CSEE), was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 21-24, 1996. This conference was sponsored by the Software Engineering Institute, the IEEE Computer Society, the IEEE Computer Society Technical Council on Software Engineering, and the IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Software Engineering Education in cooperation with the Association for Computing Machinery and the International Workshop on CASE (IWCASE).

This conference is a forum for dynamic discussions of software engineering education and training among members of academic, industry, and government communities. Our purpose is to influence educational directions, stimulate new approaches, promote collaboration, and generate interactive exchanges among all educational stakeholders.

The 9th CSEE featured three distinguished keynote speakers: Barry Boehm, Dennis Frailey, and Bob Grady, all of whom presented enlightening issues from their various viewpoints. Also, the Stevens Award Lecture to advance the state of software development methods sponsored by IWCASE was delivered at the conference. A diversity of topics from a variety of organizational and international perspectives were represented in the 20 chosen papers and four panel discussions; and, to foster our own education, learning, and interaction, five tutorials and several "birds-of-a-feather" sessions were included in the program.

We are very grateful to all of the members of the software engineering community who submitted numerous excellent papers, panel, and tutorial proposals this year. This gave the program committee and tutorial co-chairs the difficult task of having to choose from the 78 submissions, but it also enabled us to put together an excellent conference program in an effort to cover a variety of topics in several exciting and innovative ways.

Without extensive support, this event never could have taken place. Corporate support for the conference was provided by the Motorola Personal Communicator Systems and Software Division. Our Conference Administrator, Charlene Rauber, provided superb administrative guidance and expertise throughout the lifecycle of this event. In addition, Wendy Rossi expertly handled all site and registration details, and Ellen Ayoob, Skip Shelly, and Barbara White provided outstanding publication and publicity support. The IEEE Computer Society Press provided timely assistance, and we are especially grateful to Regina Spencer Sipple, the editor of our proceedings. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all of them and to all of you — the contributors, supporters, and attendees of the Ninth Conference on Software Engineering Education.

Welcome to CSEE '96!

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