Message from PC Co-Chairs

We welcome your participation in the 8th Workshop on Future Trend in Distributed Computing Systems. We believe that you will find a program and a setting that will make this workshop an intellectually interesting experience for you.

We are delighted to organise this workshop in the beginning of the 21st century, in which distributed computation will play a significant role in almost everybody's life. The main focus of this workshop is to identify some important future research trends in this very important area of distributed computing.

From among several topics, we have chosen the following topics for the workshop: "network infrastructure for high-performance computing", "mobile computing and communications", "collaborative and cooperative software engineering", "intranet and internet technologies for distributed systems", "distributed agents and applications of distributed systems", "ubiquitous computing and web-based computing", "Java-based network computing and ATM networks", "distributed object computing", "security, safety and assurance of distributed systems" and "distributed multimedia computing". We hope that the 32 papers which we have selected to cover these topics adequately identify the future trends in distributed computing. We are planning to use a slight different format for the paper sessions, i.e., each paper session will have a panelist to discuss the papers and the future works/trends on the topic of the session.

We especially thank the members of the program committee and operations committee who worked diligently to make the workshop a success for all who attend. We are greatly indebted to Steering Committee Chair Stephen S. Yau for his guidance and help in all aspects of organizing this workshop. Thanks also go to authors of the papers and panelists for their contributions.

We wish you a most rewarding and enjoyable experience at FTDCS 2001!

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