Message from the WWAN Chair

Welcome to WWAN 2004, the International Workshop on Wireless Ad hoc Networking held in conjunction with the 24th International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems. Wireless networks and mobile computing research has initially concentrated on single-hop networks (network nodes communicating directly to a fixed infrastructure), such as cellular or satellite systems. In contrast, wireless ad hoc networking covers multi-hop scenarios (network nodes communicating via other network nodes) such as conference, hospital, battlefield, rescue, sensor networks, personal communication systems, rooftop networks, and wireless local area networks.

In response to the Call for Papers, 42 papers from 20 different countries had been submitted. Based on three review reports per paper, they were classified as accepted, rejected or discussed. For those papers in the Discussion list, additional opinions were sought. As a result, a total of 21 papers were selected for presentation at WWAN 2004.

The workshop could not be successful without the help of many organizations and individuals. First, we would like to thank the workshop general co-chairs, Makoto Takizawa of Tokyo Denki University and Nian-Feng Tzeng of The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, for their support and guidance. Next, we wish to thank the program committee (PC) members and the external reviewers for evaluating submitted papers in a timely and professional manner. Last, but not the least, we thank all the authors for their submissions.

Papers that have been submitted and accepted to WWAN 2004 reflect the maturity that research in wireless ad hoc networks has rapidly acquired. The interest of community is now directed to implementation and validation of network protocols, improvements of performances with QoS concerns, or security and cooperation models that seem to be next challenges in wireless ad hoc networks.

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from the presentations and discussions of WWAN 2004!

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