Message from
The Second IEEE International Workshop on Networking Meets Databases
(NetDB 2006) Program Co-Chairs

It is our great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2nd IEEE International Conference on Networking Meets Databases (NetDB 2006), held in cooperation with ICDE 2006. NetDB continues its tradition of bringing together researchers and practitioners in the database and networking communities. As in its first year, NetDB will serve as a forum to facilitate cross-pollination, promoting discussions that will trigger and foster continued research that draws heavily from both communities.

The inaugural NetDB workshop took place in Tokyo in April 2005, in cooperation with ICDE 2005. NetDB 2006 is the second of this series that aim to bridge the data management and networking communities. To accomplish this goal, we made a special effort to ensure that both communities have equal representation in the organization. Starting with the two program co-chairs, one from each community, we created a Steering Committee and then a Program Committee with similarly balanced composition. We found great value in this unique approach, especially in gaining visibility and attracting high-quality submissions across the two communities. The reviews were also pretty consistent, with no or few significant discrepancies, and reviewers from the two communities had no problem communicating with each other. We hope that this approach becomes a tradition in the future for NetDB.

Our call for papers attracted 25 quality submissions. All papers were reviewed by three members of the Program Committee. Eventually, 12 high-quality papers were selected for presentation. The selected papers cover a variety of hot research topics, including stream processing and dissemination, analysis of network traffic data, and querying and searching in peer-to-peer and sensor networks. It was a pleasant surprise to see that the set of accepted papers were also uniformly spread across the two communities (through no intelligent design).

Many people contributed to the successful organization of NetDB 2006. We are very pleased with the final set of papers and would like to thank the authors for providing excellent, diverse content for the workshop. We thank the members of the Program Committee and the external reviewers for helping us create a great program by providing superb feedback under a very tight deadline. We thank Shriram Krishnamurthy for providing the Continue Conference Management Tool and Jay McCarthy for setting it up and managing the online review process. We thank the ICDE Workshop Chairs, Roger Barga and Xiaofang Zhou, for their help with the proceedings and registration. Last but definitely not least, we thank our Steering Committee, consisting of Hari Balakrishnan, Michael Franklin, Ramesh Govindan, and Cyrus Shahabi, for their strong support and guidance throughout the organization.

We sincerely hope that you will find the workshop insightful and enjoyable!

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