Message from the Conference Organizer

This year 103 full papers from 19 countries were submitted to the five WETICE workshops. 62 were selected as full papers (60% acceptance), and 13 were selected as short papers for publication in the Proceedings of WETICE’01. Both full and short papers were presented at the conference. As in the past, during the final joint session, the organizers of each workshop presented the group reports of their workshops, immediately followed by the author(s)’ presentation of the best paper of each workshop.

The group reports, which are considered to be the highlights of WETICE, are also included in the Proceedings. This is the main reason for publishing the WETICE Proceedings as “Post-conference” proceedings.

We have recruited many new members to serve on the Steering Committee of WETICE in future. We will incorporate into the next WETICE all the “good” ideas that emerged during our discussions at the conference.

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My heartfelt thanks go to Professor Amar Gupta of the Sloan School of Management, MIT, for being the local Chairperson and also for providing help throughout the conference in manifold ways —too numerous to mention individually. Professor Gupta was instrumental in getting the two excellent plenary speakers, Dr. Alex Pentland and Dr. Tom Malone. He also arranged for tours of the MIT Media Lab and the campus. Special thanks go to Professor Gupta’s three students Tara Sainath, Presley Cannady and Jason Yeung, for their help during the conference; to Ana Rabicoff for her support during the on-site registration; to David Riquier for conducting the MIT Media lab tour; and to Dr. Ram D. Sriram of NIST for facilitating the WETICE workshops at MIT.

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