MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CHAIRS

Welcome to ICNP 2008, the sixteenth IEEE International Conference on Network Protocols, and welcome to Orlando! ICNP is the premier conference covering all aspects of network protocols, including design, analysis, specification, verification, implementation, and performance. ICNP is being held in Florida for the first time, and we hope that you will enjoy your time in the Walt Disney World Resort area!

ICNP 2008 continues the ICNP traditions of excellence, openness to newcomers, and reasonable cost to attend. ICNP 2008 is single-track, and is packed with a mix of sessions that includes a keynote presentation; 33 research paper presentations organized into 10 technical sessions on exciting and timely topics including wireless networking, peer-to-peer systems, routing and transport protocols, and security; a panel session on the tension between peer-to-peer communication and ISPs; and a student poster session with 18 posters on work-in-progress. We would like to thank Professor James F. Kurose (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), our keynote speaker.

Two workshops are held in conjunction with ICNP 2008. The Workshop on Secure Network Protocols (NPSec) is being held in conjunction with ICNP for the fourth consecutive year, while the Workshop on Internet Network Management (INM) is being held in conjunction with ICNP for the first time. Our sincere thanks to the NPSec 2008 chairs, Dan Massey and Lan Wang, and the INM 2008 chairs, Tim Griffin and Eugene Ng for their tireless efforts to develop stimulating workshop programs.

We would like to thank those who have made special contributions to the conference. Many thanks the IEEE Computer Society and the TC on Distributed Processing for their continued sponsorship of ICNP. We would also like to thank AT&T for their generous support. Sincere thanks are also due to the ICNP steering committee and in particular Professor David Lee (The Ohio State University) for their valuable advice. We would also like to extend our thanks to the posters chair (James Griffioen, University of Kentucky), panel chair (Bobby Bhattacharjee, University of Maryland), local arrangement chairs (Ahmed Helmy, University of Florida, and Cliff Zou, University of Central Florida), publication chair (Kamil Sarac, University of Texas at Dallas), publicity chairs (Ramana Rao Kompella, Purdue University, and James Minseok Kwon, Rochester Institute of Technology) and web chair (Ossama Younis, Telcordia Applied Research) for all their hard work.

The key to the success of the conference is its strong technical program. We would like to sincerely thank the ICNP technical program committee, and especially the chairs, Professor Kevin Almeroth (University of California, Santa Barbara) and Dr. K. K. Ramakrishnan (AT&T Labs Research) for their tremendous efforts in the paper review and selection process, and for this year’s wonderful program.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all speakers and all attendees, and we look forward to several stimulating discussions. We hope that you will enjoy the conference, and that you will participate in future ICNP conferences!

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ICNP 2008 General Chairs