Message from the Program Chairs

As program chairs of the 2013 edition of DSD, the EUROMICRO Conference on Digital System Design we want to welcome you and to wish you a fruitful participation.

Our first words go to the authors who, in surprisingly high numbers, provided us with a considerable volume of high quality material, making it difficult the task of selecting the submissions that could be taken in. We do hope that all authors, regardless of whether their work was selected for presentation or not, did benefit from the comments and the recommendations offered by the more than 200 expert reviewers that helped us in this process. We further hope that those selected to present their work at the Conference will make the most of this opportunity. We hope they obtain useful feedback for their work, and have plenty of chances to discuss new ideas and to enlarge their network of contacts.

Paper reviewing is an extremely important job, one that sometimes goes unnoticed, and we would like to thank and recognize the generous work of the reviewers who could find precious time in their busy lives to assess, comment and score papers submitted to DSD. This is a contribution that is right at the heart of the organization of a successful event. We are honored to have a distinguished set of Program Committee members who are highly recognized actors in all fields of digital system design. They are the true pillars of the success of DSD and their continued effort, expertise and wisdom is needed to keep raising the high level of scientific recognition that we have achieved. Our thanks to all of them and to the additional reviewers that were invited to help in this fundamental task.

Close to two hundred papers were submitted to DSD 2013, from 45 countries. Less than 50% were selected for oral presentation: forty four in the main track, and fifty four in the conference special sessions. Additionally, thirty two papers were selected for poster presentation and seven were invited to integrate the special session dedicated to ongoing activity in European R&D projects in the DSD area. All selected papers were subject to a rigorous review process that averaged more than three reviews per paper, and were ranked and thresholded according to their scores, weighted by the reviewers confidence.

From this high quality input, our job was simply to build the best possible program. To achieve this goal we worked with Eugenio Villar and his people at the University of Cantabria, and with the organizers of SEAA, agreeing on a common layout and choosing a set of highly-qualified keynote speakers that will motivate and interest audiences from both conferences. We put together a program that tries to achieve coherence in the sessions themselves, and also in the way they relate with each other, in line with the themes and the keynote speeches chosen for each day of the Conference. We believe we ended up with a rich and exciting program, but you will be the judges!

A lot of people worked hard to make this a memorable event. It is up to you now to participate actively, to enjoy the Conference, and make the most of it. Welcome to Santander. Welcome to DSD 2013.

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