Foreword

The 14th International Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks SoftCOM 2006 was held from September 29 to October 1, 2006 in the pleasant ambience of the Hotel Marjan and the cruising ship "Dubrovnik" on the attractive route Split - Dubrovnik. The Conference was organized by the University of Split, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture under the auspices of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, and the Ministry of the Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development with the principal patron T - Croatian Telecom. The Conference was technically co-sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc).

Researchers and experts from industry, research institutes and universities from more than 35 countries all around the world have submitted in total 130 papers for presentation at SoftCOM 2006. Submitted papers have been reviewed by more than 170 scientists from universities, institutes and ICT companies all over the world. All accepted papers have been carefully selected based on their contribution, relevance, conceptual clearness and overall quality. Nearly 60% of submitted papers have been recommended for presentation within the technical program.

The conference program featured two symposia dedicated to the most actual topics in the area of mobile and wireless communications. One special session and seventeen general conference sessions, a poster session and a professional workshop dedicated to the wide spectra of topics in ICT were held too. In addition two half day tutorials were held by worldwide recognized experts.

In conjunction with the SoftCOM'06 conference a Business Forum has been organized featuring invited talks, round tables, presentations with participation of managers, executives, experts, government and institutions representatives who discussed and exchanged opinions and experiences on a number of hot topics in contemporary and future ICT industry and market including business, technological and social aspects.

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