Message from the Workshop Co-Chairs

WORDS 2002 was another huge success—a familiar scene repeated six times already in the WORDS series! The 55 seats, which were the established capacity limit, were filled by active researchers aspiring toward integrating three major computer system engineering technologies (CSETs): Object-Oriented CSET, Real-Time CSET, and Dependable CSET. The atmosphere was warm and conducive for open lively discussions. Under the usual bright sunny weather for which Southern California is famous, the Mission Bay environment surrounding the resort hotel and the Pacific Ocean amply demonstrated their outstanding beauties.

WORDS 2002 continued the policy adopted at the beginning of the WORDS series of welcoming contributions that represent significant advances in any two of the three component technology fields rather than focusing on those contributions that cut across all three component technologies. It served well as a serious forum for exchanging newly recognized research issues, advanced formulations that show promise, and research progress reports. A majority of participants were invited presenters and a substantial segment of those invited presenters came from industry. Most of the presented papers were polished further after the workshop and assembled into this proceedings.

The success of this workshop was largely due to the efforts of all participants. However, we would like to recognize more than usual efforts of Technical Program Committee co-chairs, Priya Narasimhan and Jie Xu, the Technical Program Committee members, and other officers including Marion Ceruti, Sharad Mehrotra, Pai Chou, Carlos O’Ryan, and Chansik Im. We are also grateful to the special invited speaker, Bhavani Thuraisingham, for her nice presentation on new research directions. It was a great pleasure to be a part of the team who organized the 7th workshop in the WORDS series. We now look forward to learning new technological advances at the next WORDS.

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