Message from the Technical Program Committee Co-Chairs

This Workshop, which is the seventh in the highly successful WORDS series, aims to integrate three important computer system engineering technologies (CSETs): Object-Oriented CSET, Real-Time CSET, and Dependable CSET. WORDS 2002 continues the long-standing tradition of serving as a forum for healthy technical debate, and for the exchange of newly recognized research issues, promising advanced formulations, and research progress reports.

WORDS has long been recognized as a selective Workshop for fostering collaborations among leading international researchers in the fields of real-time, dependability, and object-oriented computing. This year’s technical program fulfills that expectation and, in fact, breaks new ground as the themes of WORDS 2002, and its focus on cutting-edge research and technologies are all the more timely given the recent events in the world.

The program for WORDS 2002 consists of 43 excellent papers, including invited presentations by experts in their respective fields over three days. As has been the custom of WORDS, this year’s Workshop concluded with an exciting panel on “Open Research Issues in Building Dependable Middleware” on the last day that revealed challenges that we are sure to see future WORDS presenters address.

We are exceedingly grateful to the members of the Technical Program Committee for reviewing the papers, helping us to assemble such an outstanding program, and for their efforts in making WORDS 2002 a memorable technical event. We extend our appreciation to the Workshop Co-Chairs and the Advisory and Publicity Committee for their valuable advice and support. We are also indebted to members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their significant efforts in organizing and operating the Workshop.

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