Message from the Chairs

Welcome to the 8th International Symposium on Parallel and Distributed Computing (ISPD'C09). We have an excellent conference program featuring 25 full papers, 10 short papers, and three keynote talks.

A total of 62 papers were submitted for the conference from around the world. After submission, each paper was assigned to three program committee members. To maintain a high quality of the reviews, the program committee members were responsible for reading the papers themselves and submitting the reviews. They were allowed to request help from additional reviewers, as needed. However, the responsibility for entering the final reviews and recommendations in OpenConf (the web system for managing reviews) was left solely to the program committee members.

An average of 3.01 reviews per paper were collected from the 50 program committee members. Then electronic discussions were held among the program committee members to focus on papers with high variant reviews and generate consensus. We finally selected 25 full papers (an acceptance rate of only 40%) and 10 short papers (an additional 16%) for the final program. All these papers have been organized into 11 sessions.

In addition, there will be three keynote talks. We are very grateful to our keynote speakers for accepting our invitations, namely José Fortes, Christos Kozyrakis, and Michael Gschwind. The keynote talks will try to complement the technical papers and to provide an outstanding perspective on the state-of-art research challenges and solutions for the parallel and distributed computing field.

We are indebted to many individuals for contributing to the success of the technical program. First of all, we would like to thank all 50 program committee members who accepted our invitations, served on the committee while handling a high load of submissions, and were able to turn-in high quality reviews on time. We would also like to thank all of the authors who submitted papers to the conference. Without help from all of these dedicated individuals, it would not have been possible to put together this program.

It was a great honor to be asked to perform the function of the Program Chair and General Chair for this conference. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the ISPD'C Steering Committee for giving us this opportunity to serve the community.

Finally, it was also a great pleasure to work with a set of highly dedicated and experienced individuals from the Organizing Committee. Pedro Tomas deserves a very special mention: his help in handling the submissions, the reviews, and many problems related to OpenConf was really invaluable.

We do hope that you will enjoy the strong technical program of this conference while exploring beautiful Lisbon!

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