Program Co-Chairs' Message

On behalf of the *WWW2005* Program Committee, we are pleased to welcome you to *WWW2005,* the 14th conference in the International World Wide Web Conference series. This year, we received 550 submissions to the refereed paper track, the second-highest number of submissions ever. We accepted 77 papers for the proceedings and presentation at the conference, which translates into an acceptance rate of 14%. All papers were rigorously reviewed by the technical program committee, which was divided into the following ten areas:

- Applications

- Browsers and User Interfaces

- Data Mining

- Education

- Performance and Reliability

- Search

- Security, Privacy and E-Commerce

- Semantic Web

- XML and Web Services

- Web Engineering

The Search area received the largest number of submissions (94 papers), followed by Semantic Web (86 papers), Data Mining (75 papers), and XML and Web Services (64 papers).

Many people contributed to the success of the program. We would like to thank the entire *WWW2005* program committee for their exceptional work and dedication in the review process. The General Chairs of *WWW2005*, Allan Ellis and Tatsuya Hagino, provided overall guidance and a mandate for delivering the highest quality of technical program possible. Joyce Hickey provided outstanding organizational and technical support. Anatol Kark and Mark Vigder managed WitanWeb, the paper submission and review system used throughout the conference. Finally, Lisa M. Tolles of Sheridan Printing assembled the conference proceedings you are now reading. Thanks to all of them!

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