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# Preface

A workshop was held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland on December 1, 1994. The workshop provided an international forum to discuss evolving research issues and applications in the area of Electronic Commerce. Invited speakers from industry, universities, and government presented their experiences and visions for the future. Researchers from the U.S. and from several other countries including Australia, The Netherlands, and Ireland participated in the workshop.

Nabil R. Adam and Yelena Yesha served as the program co-chairs. The workshop resulted in several papers that were reviewed, and their final versions are included in this book. We would like to express our deep personal thanks to the program committee members and the reviewers for their constructive comments and suggestions. In addition, Nabil Adam would like to thank Dr. Shamim Naqvi of Bellcore for his support and help in this project, and also acknowledge the support he received during the preparation of this book from the Center of Excellence in Space Data and Information Sciences (CESDIS) at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

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