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We were proud to welcome participants from more than 40 countries from all over the world to this year’s ICCHP.

Since the late 1980s, it has been ICCHP’s mission to support and reflect development in the field of “Assistive Technologies,” eAccessibility and eInclusion. With a focus on scientific quality, ICCHP has become an important reference in our field. The 2010 conference and this collection of papers once again fulfilled this mission.

The International Programme Committee, comprising 106 experts from all over the world, selected 147 full and 44 short papers out of 328 abstracts submitted to ICCHP. This acceptance ratio of about half of the submissions demonstrates our strict pursuit of scientific quality both of the programme and in particular of the proceedings in your hands.

An impressive number of experts agreed to organize “Special Thematic Sessions” (STS) for ICCHP 2010. These STS help to bring the meeting into sharper focus in several key areas. In turn, this deeper level of focus helps to collate a state of the art and mainstream technical, social, cultural and political developments.

Our keynote speakers highlighted issues of outstanding importance, such as “Usable Web Accessibility,” areas which can be seen as breakthroughs in our field, like the development of 2D Braille displays allowing "Maintaining an Overview Through Your Fingers," and new and upcoming issues of interest for our field, like “Weak and Silent Speech.” Additional keynote addresses included presentations from the European Commission, UNESCO and ISO.

With an interesting workshop programme, meetings, an exhibition including presentations and demonstrations of major software and assistive technology producers and vendors, ICCHP once again provided the framework for an international meeting place and a center of advanced information exchange.

ICCHP 2010 was held under the auspices of Heinz Fischer, President of the Federal Republic of Austria. We would also like to thank all supporters and sponsors.

Our special thanks go to those contributing toward putting this conference in place.

We thank the Austrian Computer Society for announcing and sponsoring the Roland Wagner Award on Computers Helping People with Special Needs.

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