Preface

The beginning of the 21st century is witnessing a drive to the convergence of fixed and mobile telecommunication networks and the increasing adoption of IP technologies for implementing seamless multimedia applications in next-generation networks. The IEEE International Workshop Series on IP Operations & Management (IPOM) is documenting this evolution by providing snapshots of the state of the art in the field of operations and management in IP-based networks.

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This book contains the official proceedings of IPOM 2005. It features 21 high-quality papers grouped into seven technical sessions looking at O&M for VoIP, IMS and managed IP services, management of open interfaces, QoS and pricing in NGNs, autonomic communications, policy-based management, routing and topologies, routing and tools, as well as experiences from testbeds and trials. Additional papers presented in two short sessions are published separately.

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