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Message from the Program Co-chairs

Welcome to the Third International Conference on Information Systems, Technology and Management (ICISTM 2009), held at IMT Ghaziabad, India.

The main program consisted of 30 regular papers selected from 79 submissions. The submissions represented all the six inhabited continents and 15 different countries, with top six being India, Iran, USA, Tunisia, Brazil, and Sweden. These submissions were distributed among four track areas of Information Systems (IS), Information Technology (IT), Information Management (IM), and Applications. The four Track Chairs, Shamkant Navathe (IS), Indranil Sengupta (IT), Subhajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IM), and Mahmoud Daneshmand (Applications), ably assisted us. The submissions went through a two-phase review. First, in coordination with the Track Chairs, the manuscript went through a vetting process for relevance and reassignment to proper tracks. Next, the Track Chairs assigned each paper to four Program Committee (PC) members for peer review. A total of 274 reviews were collected. A few external reviewers also helped in this process. Finally, 30 papers were selected to be presented during ten sessions.

The conference proceedings are published in Springer’s CCIS series. This required a review by Springer’s editorial board, and represents a significant improvement in the publication outlet and overall dissemination—we thank Stephan Goeller and Alfred Hofmann, both from Springer, for their assistance. The 30 regular papers were allocated 12 pages each, with two additional pages on payment of excess page charges. Additionally, some authors were invited to present posters of their work in a separate poster session—two-page extended abstracts of these posters also appear in the conference proceedings.

For the best paper selection, we invited PC members to send their preferences and each track chair to nominate one or more papers from their respective areas. The best paper selected with unanimity was “A Reduced Lattice Greedy Algorithm for Selecting Materialized Views” by T.V. Vijay Kumar and Aloke Ghoshal.

For a newly-created conference, it has been our goal to ensure improvement in quality as the primary basis to build upon. In this endeavor, we were immensely helped by our Program Committee members and the external reviewers. They provided rigorous and timely reviews and, more often than not, elaborate feedback to all authors to help improve the quality and presentation of their work. Our sincere thanks go to the 56 PC members, 21 external reviewers, and the four Track Chairs. Another important goal has been to ensure participation by the international as well as India-based research communities in the organizational structure and in authorship.

Throughout this process, we received the sage advice from Sartaj Sahni, our conference Co-chair, and help from Reema Khurana, also a conference Co-chair; we are indeed thankful to them. We thank the director of IMT Ghaziabad,
B. S. Sahay for providing constant support during the conference and for providing the premises and facilities of IMT for hosting the conference. We are also thankful to Rajshekhar Sunderraman for taking up the important and time-consuming job of Publications Chair, interfacing with all the authors, ensuring that Springer’s formatting requirements were adhered to, and that the requirements of copyrights, author registrations and excess page charges were fulfilled, all in a timely and professional manner. Finally, we thank all the authors for their interest in ICISTM 2009 and for their contributions in making this year’s technical program particularly impressive. We wish all the attendees and authors a very informative and engaging conference.

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