

Message from the Technical Program Chair

Welcome to ICST 2005, the First International Conference on Sensing Technology. When the idea of having this conference was first conceived, we set off with a modest target of assembling around 50 researchers, mainly from Australasia, to share ideas and research findings on sensors and sensing technology, a topic which attracts huge attention from a vast community of researchers. We are pleasantly surprised with the large number of paper submissions and attendees from around the globe. People of 19 nationalities will participate in this conference; 70% of the attendees are from outside New Zealand.

In the next three days, 131 papers will be presented in 22 multi-track sessions including a poster session. In addition, there will be 2 keynote addresses and 3 invited presentations. To make this conference very affordable for students to participate, we kept their registration fee bare minimum, just enough to cover the expenses. I am glad to report that we have 38 students participating in the conference and presenting papers.

The success of a conference depends not just on the organisers, but on the contribution from several other people. First and foremost, the authors. If the authors do not write and submit papers, there will be no conference. I wish to thank all the authors for their contribution. Profuse thanks go to the Technical Program Committee members and all the reviewers for their hard work and timely submission of review results. Special thanks to Michael Wilson and Tim O'Dea for looking after the conference website and providing the necessary IT support.

I hope that you will have a very fruitful and stimulating time at the conference and a pleasant stay in New Zealand.

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