Program Chairs’ Message

This year we have put together an excellent technical program addressing a number of key issues in VLSI. The Symposium opens with a keynote address by Professor James D. Meindl, Joseph M. Petit Chair Professor of Microelectronics, Georgia Institute of Technology on “21st Century Gigascale Integration.” The technical program, spanning two full days, has been organized into 14 sessions in two concurrent tracks. A panel discussion on the trade-off between low power and high speed in VLSI is scheduled for the evening of the first day. For the first time, the symposium has been expanded to two and half days with the addition of a half-day tutorial.

Over 90 submissions were received for the symposium. Of these, 53 are from United States, representing 20 states, 14 from Canada, representing 5 provinces, and 27 from other countries in Europe, Asia and Africa, making this symposium a truly international event. Also, this year we were fortunate to have a larger technical committee with expertise in all areas of VLSI. With their cooperation, we were able to work with a total of 97 reviewers in the paper selection process. Each paper was assigned three referees. The referee response was overwhelming. All papers received complete reviews from at least two reviewers, while the majority received three, thus resulting in a thorough review. The final program has 22 regular papers and 29 short papers. We are hopeful that this symposium will provide a useful and positive experience for all the participants.

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