Message from the General Co-Chairs

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the participants of the 1997 Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI to Urbana-Champaign, home of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since its inception six years ago, the GLSVLSI symposium continues to grow in the number of attendees, the geographical regions they represent, the scope of the technical program, and the recognition the symposium attains in the technical community. We believe that the 7th GLSVLSI symposium is yet another step toward building a strong forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas and information in a fast moving, intellectually challenging, and economically critical technical field.

It is not a pure coincidence that the 7th GLSVLSI symposium takes place at the same time when the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign holds a Cyberfest to celebrate the birthday of the computer HAL (quote from “Year 2001 — Space Odyssey” by Arthur Clarke). It is probably fair to say that the rate at which VLSI technology progressed in the last forty some years since the invention of integrated circuits has been sheerly amazing and beyond most people’s imagination.

The 7th GLSVLSI starts with tutorials on Thursday afternoon and a keynote address on Friday morning by Dr. Yoshio Nishi, Senior Vice President of Texas Instruments, entitled “The Future Trends in Silicon-Based Integrated Electronics,” followed by two days of technical sessions. The second day includes another keynote address by Intel Corporation’s Gary Thomas, General Manager, Santa Clara Processor Division, on “Architecture Trends in VLSI.” On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to thank the authors and the attendees for your technical contributions, and the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society and Computer Society and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for co-sponsoring the 7th GLSVLSI symposium. We also sincerely thank Intel Corporation for its generous support in sponsoring the banquet and also sending featured speakers.

Lastly, but not leastly, we thank Professors Farid Najm, Naresh Shanbhag and Rajesh Gupta for their dedicated and sustained efforts as Technical Program Chair, Local Arrangements and Finance Chair, and Publicity Chair for the success of this symposium.

We sincerely thank you and hope that your participation will be amply rewarding and memorable.

Sincerely,

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