

# FOREWORD

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We warmly welcome you to WINSYS 2009 - the International Conference on Wireless Information Networks and Systems, which is held, this year in Milan, Italy. This conference reflects a continuing effort to increase the dissemination of recent research among professionals who work on the field of Wireless Information Systems. WINSYS is integrated as one of the modules of the ICETE joint conference.

The participants in WINSYS 2009 can attend all sessions of the remaining 3 major conferences of ICETE. This is a golden opportunity for researchers as with the same registration fee, they can attend the technical presentations of the papers in the other 3 conferences. Moreover, this co-location allows an author to present his/her papers to more than one conference. Clearly, there is a lot of savings in terms of travel expenses, and accommodation cost, especially in these difficult economical days with skyrocketing oil prices that affected airfares and hotel rates, among others.

The major goals of WINSYS is to bring together researchers, engineers and practitioners interested in information and wireless network systems in order to share their research results and experience.

WINSYS 2009 offers an exceptional forum for worldwide researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, business, and government to share their expertise results and research findings in all areas of wireless networks and systems.

WINSYS 2009 program includes outstanding technical papers and distinguished keynote speeches. With these sessions, we expect to appeal to a global audience of the engineers, scientists, business practitioners and policy experts, interested in all areas of wireless networks and systems.

ICETE has received 300 papers in total, with contributions from more than 50 different countries, from all continents, which demonstrates the success and global dimension of ICETE 2009. To evaluate each submission, a double blind paper evaluation method was used: each paper was reviewed by at least two experts from the International Program Committee, in a double-blind review process, and most papers had 3 reviews or more. In the end, 114 papers were selected for oral presentation and publication, corresponding to a 38% acceptance ratio. Of these only 34 were accepted as full papers (11% of submissions) and 80 as short papers. Additionally, 51 papers were accepted for poster presentation.

A successful conference involves more than paper presentations; it is also a meeting place, where ideas about new research projects and other ventures are discussed and debated. Therefore, a social event including a conference diner was organized for the evening of Thursday, July 9, 2009 in order to promote this kind of social networking.

We would like to express our thanks, first of all, to the authors of the technical papers presented at the conference, whose work made possible to put together a high quality program. Next, we would like to thank all the members of the program committee and reviewers, who helped us with their expertise, dedication and time. We would also like to thank the invited speakers for their invaluable contribution, sharing their vision and knowledge. Naturally, a word of appreciation for the work of the secretariat and all other members of the organization, whose diligence in dealing with all organizational issues were essential and required a collaborative effort of a dedicated and highly capable team.

We hope that you will find these proceedings interesting and a helpful reference in the future for all those who need to address the areas of wireless networks and systems.

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