SIGCOMM’12 General Chairs’ Welcome Message

Welcome to ACM SIGCOMM 2012 in Helsinki! As in previous years, SIGCOMM is being organized as a week full of research events: the main conference is both preceded and followed by eight workshops on current topics in and around networking, and four tutorials that are looking beyond.

We are happy that we were able to maintain registration fees at roughly the same level as the last time SIGCOMM was held in Europe in 2009. We were even able to reduce some of the student registration fees compared to 2009. Given the high costs of living, services, and goods in Finland and economical unknowns in Europe (including the US Dollar exchange rate), creating a balanced budget has been a challenging task.

Holding SIGCOMM 2012 in Helsinki was only made possible through the generous financial support from our many (industrial) supporters of the conference. We are particularly indebted to our two hosts, Nokia and Aalto University, whose extremely substantial financial contributions provided an early, solid basis for organizing a successful event. It would simply not have been possible to organize SIGCOMM in Helsinki without them.

It is our privilege to acknowledge the generous support from our Silver supporters: Cisco Systems, Ericsson, NetApp, NEC and the City of Helsinki; and Bronze supporters: Akamai, AT&T, Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs, Comcast, Conviva, Facebook, Google, HP, Huawei, the Internet Society, Microsoft Research, Riverbed, Telefonica and Verisign Labs.

SIGCOMM has a long tradition of financially supporting student participation. We have continued this tradition by keeping the cost of student registrations as low as possible, by organizing a student dinner for students to meet with leaders of the research community, and by continuing to provide a substantial number of student travel grants. We are thankful for student travel support provided by the US National Science Foundation, ACM SIGCOMM, the Internet Society, and Internet-Science.eu.

Organizing a conference such as SIGCOMM requires the involvement and dedication of a large and enthusiastic group of volunteers. We have enjoyed working with an outstanding group of colleagues who served on the organization committee and have selflessly and generously contributed their time and energy for more than a year. The conference would be impossible to organize without their volunteer spirit.

We thank all those who contributed to the organization of the technical program of the main conference and the workshops: Program committee chairs Venkat Padmanabhan and George Varghese, workshop chairs Dina Katabi and Jitendra Padhye, the chairs of the eight selected workshops, and the chairs of the Demo and Poster program, Kevin Almeroth and Colin Perkins.

We also thank all those who ensured that everything ran smoothly behind the scenes: Treasurer and registration chair Joe Touch; publication chair Andrea Passarella; publicity chair Ryuji Wakikawa; web chair Liang Wang; travel grant chairs Marcelo Bagnulo, Polly Huang, and Sharon Goldberg; and, for the overall local organization and taking care of all special needs, local chairs Jussi Kangasharju and Jukka Manner.

We want to thank the ACM SIGCOMM chair Bruce Davie and conference coordinator Jaudelice de Oliveira for their active role and help in all stages of preparation of the conference. Last, but not least, we gratefully acknowledge the help from ACM Headquarters and Sheridan Printing Company with the preparation of the conference and workshop proceedings.

We hope that you will find SIGCOMM 2012 to be a stimulating and scientifically enriching experience.

We are sure that you will find the time to enjoy the beautiful and vibrant city of Helsinki, World Design Capital 2012, with its long hours of daylight.

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