

WCNC 2004

Message from the Technical Program Committee Chair

Organizing a program for a major conference, which WCNC has become, is always a challenge. This year it was especially challenging because of the large number (almost 1100) of technical paper submissions, about 50% more than last year; the first-time use of the EDAS papers processing system; and a heavier than expected proportion of papers addressing questions in the physical and medium access levels. The Technical Program Committee (TPC) had to quickly enlarge and learn how to cope with the powerful but still evolving EDAS system, as well as many special author needs and concerns.



I am grateful to many colleagues on the TPC who handled heavy paper processing loads, and particularly to Laurie Cuthbert, Halim Yanikomeroğlu, Dejan Djonin and Zeljko Blazek, who served as co-TPC chairs or representatives of co-TPC chairs for the major tracks. The conference is also indebted to a large number of industrious reviewers whose work made it possible to converge on a set of about 470 papers. Many good-quality papers had to be rejected in this difficult and imperfect process. I want to thank the authors of both accepted and rejected papers for their efforts, and encourage all of them to come back with new submissions next year.

My TPC colleagues and I believe that we have an outstanding program that addresses many of the “hottest” and most pressing issues facing researchers, developers, and service providers in the wireless industry. It is remarkable that progress continues to be made on using the wireless medium more efficiently and with better performance, and the community of contributors presenting the papers in WCNC 2004 are the people generating that progress. We hope and expect that the value you, the attendee and in many cases an author as well, get from this conference will be substantial and will further accelerate technical progress and the development of a stronger wireless industry.

With best regards,

Steve Weinstein