Message from the Program Co-Chairs

NSDI '09 carries on the conference's tradition of presenting excellent and innovative work in the area of networked systems. We continue to take a broad view of that charter, selecting papers from across the range of the USENIX, SIGCOMM, and SIGOPS communities, rather than their intersection. The result is a strong program with a broad set of papers addressing topics from trust and privacy to storage systems, from wireless networks to content distribution, from Byzantine fault tolerance to wide-area services, from green networked systems to Internet routing, and from monitoring, understanding, and debugging what exists today to designing the networked systems of tomorrow.

We received 163 paper submissions. All submissions were reviewed by several members of the program committee and selected external reviewers. Papers received at least three reviews, with some papers receiving as many as seven. These written reviews laid the groundwork for the program committee meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on December 15. These discussions led to a final program of 32 accepted papers. Because of the special role conferences play in our field, all papers were shepherded by a program committee member and, where necessary, granted extra pages for a fuller discussion.

We are grateful to everyone whose hard work makes this conference possible. Most of all, we are grateful to all of the authors who submitted their work to this conference. We thank the program committee for their dedication and hard work in reviewing papers and participating in the extensive discussions at the PC meeting. We thank our external reviewers for lending their expertise on short notice. We are grateful to the numerous conference sponsors for their support. Thanks to the USENIX staff for handling the conference logistics, marketing, and proceedings publication; it is a pleasure to work with them. We extend special thanks to Eddie Kohler for providing and supporting his terrific HotCRP reviewing system. Finally, we thank the NSDI '09 attendees and future readers of these papers: in the end, it is your interest in this work that makes all of these efforts worthwhile.

We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

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