ICPE 2016 – General Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 7th ACM/SPEC International Conference on Performance Engineering (ICPE) and to the beautiful city of Delft. If one looks at the ancient canals lined with merchants' houses, the old churches, and the splendid town hall, one sees that Delft's rich history is still very much alive. At the same time, though, it is a very modern and vibrant city. More than ten percent of its 100,000 inhabitants are students and the university has attracted a large number of technology-oriented companies. The Delft University of Technology is the oldest technical university in the Netherlands, with an excellent international reputation for its engineering and scientific results, and with diverse and international faculty and students. The Distributed Systems group, who co-organized ICPE 2016 on behalf of the Delft University of Technology, fits into this profile of excellence.

This year's ICPE continues its tradition of being the premier forum for the integration of theory and practice in the field of performance engineering. ICPE is an annual joint meeting that has grown out of the ACM Workshop on Software Performance (WOSP) and the SPEC International Performance Engineering Workshop (SIPEW). It brings together researchers and industry practitioners to share ideas, discuss challenges, and present results of both work-in-progress and state-of-the-art research on performance engineering of software and systems.

Putting together *ICPE'16* was a team effort. We first thank the authors for providing the content of the program. We are grateful to the PC Chairs and to the program committee who worked very hard in reviewing papers and providing feedback for authors. We also thank the chairs of the other tracks of the conference, the dissemination and proceedings chairs, the web site chair, the finance chair, the numerous other helpers, and the local organizers. Finally, we thank our hosting University, the Delft University of Technology, and our lead sponsors, ACM SIGMETRICS, ACM SIGSOFT, and SPEC.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the conference will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world and to learn about Delft rich history.

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