

# Message from the Organizers

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to WELCOM 2001. The Workshop on Electronic Commerce was first held in 1999 as a one-day workshop in conjunction with the 18th IEEE Symposium on Reliable and Distributed Systems (SRDS) in Lausanne. This first workshop proved quite successful for the organizers as well as the authors, a fact that is reflected in the continued participation of at least seven authors. Both the scope and the size of the workshop have been extended for the second event, which was held during two days (November 16-17, 2001) in Heidelberg and featured two invited talks (one of them industrial) as well as a panel on e-services.

This year, 36 papers from 14 countries around the world were submitted for consideration. Of these, the program committee selected 17 papers for inclusion in the workshop. These papers cover a wide range of interesting topics that were grouped under five major headings: Trade and Markets, Auctions, Security and Trust, Profiling, and Business Interaction.

The organizers want to thank the authors and the program committee for their work in preparing the technical program for WELCOM 2001 as well as the presenters of the invited talks, the panelists, and the organizer of the panel for their efforts. Last and foremost we thank the participants for making WELCOM 2001 a successful event.

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