

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CO-CHAIRS

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to London for the Fifth International Conference on Broadband Communications, Networks and Systems (BROADNETS 2008). Broadnets covers the entire gamut of technical topics in next generation networks, communications systems, applications and services.

Broadnets 2008 includes many attractive features such as two keynotes, several invited papers/talks, a high quality technical program (with papers in three tracks: Optical, Wireless and Internet), two panels, poster sessions and three workshops (CONET, GOSP and WOBS). Social events include a reception and a banquet cruise on the Thames river. The conference is being held in the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering on the campus of University College, London (UCL) in a central location in the city, close to many tourist attractions. UCL is one of the oldest universities in England with a long history and a vibrant research program in electronics and communications. It is the birth place of Fleming's thermionic valve and it is the place where Marconi's first transatlantic wireless transmitter was designed in the beginning of the last century; a very appropriate place for holding a prestigious communications conference such as Broadnets. Broadnets 2008 is sponsored by Create-Net with technical co-sponsorship by IEEE Communications Society and ICST.

We thank all of the organizing committee members for their active support and dedication to various aspects of this year's event. In particular, we thank the TPC Chairs (Piet Demeester, Narasimha Reddy and Yang Yang) for their leadership of the Optical, Internet and Wireless tracks respectively. We thank Srinivasan Ramasubramanian, the publicity/web chair for maintaining the excellent website for the conference (<http://broadnets.org>) and also taking care of various issues related to the conference management system (Easy Chair). We thank Arunita Jaekel, the Publications Chair for handling the camera-ready submission process (through the CMC website). We thank Shiwen Mao and the organizers of the three workshops for all of their efforts. We thank Gigi Karmous-Edwards and Wenbing Yao for organizing excellent panels on timely topics. John Mitchell and Miguel Rio handled superbly the posters/demos and local arrangements respectively and we thank them for their support. We are also grateful to Dorothy Bany (ICST), the conference coordination chair for support during the entire conference organization process and to Dawn (ICST) who handled the registrations, Karen Decker (ICST) who handled the finances and the IEEE Communications Society Staff who helped us with the IEEE Technical Co-sponsorship. We thank the Broadnets Steering Committee, particularly, Imrich Chlamtac (Chair) and Krishna Sivalingam, whose support throughout the conference planning and organization process was instrumental to the success of this event.

Lastly, we thank all of you authors and attendees for your continued support and participation in Broadnets conferences. We hope you will enjoy the excellent conference program as well as the many attractions in the historic and exciting city of London.

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