Message from the Program Co-Chairs

NSDI in 2011 carries on the conference's tradition of presenting the very best work in the area of networked systems. As in previous years, we take a broad view of the NSDI charter, selecting papers from across the range of the USENIX, SIGCOMM, and SIGOPS communities, rather than their intersection. The result is an exciting program with papers spanning topics from high-performance systems to security and privacy, from mobile wireless systems to tools for testing and model checking.

We received 157 paper submissions. All submissions that met the formatting and basic quality standards (three did not) were reviewed by several members of the program committee, and in a small number of cases we used external reviewers to complement the expertise of the program committee. The 26 members of the program committee completed 700 reviews. Each paper received at least 3 reviews; on average, the committee completed 4.5 reviews per paper, with some papers receiving as many as 9 reviews. These written reviews laid the groundwork for the program committee meeting in Berkeley, California, on December 3, 2010. All 26 members of the program committee attended the meeting to weigh the 56 papers selected for discussion. Papers selected for discussion had received an average of 5.9 reviews, and the meeting led to our final program of 27 papers. Because of the special role conferences play in our field, all papers were shepherded by a program committee member.

We are grateful to everyone whose hard work made this conference possible. Most of all, we are indebted 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, as well as in shepherding the final versions. We thank our external reviewers for lending their expertise on short notice. We extend special thanks to ICSI for hosting the program committee meeting in Berkeley. We are grateful to the conference sponsors for their support and to the USENIX staff for handling the conference logistics, marketing, and proceedings publication; it is a pleasure to work with them. Eddie Kohler and Geoff Voelker continue to provide invaluable service to the community by providing and supporting their HotCRP reviewing system and Banal format checker. Finally, we thank the NSDI '11 attendees and future readers of these papers: in the end, it is your interest in this work that makes all of these efforts worthwhile.

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