Message from the Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to the LISA '13, the 27th Large Installation System Administration Conference. It is our pleasure as program co-chairs to present this year's program and proceedings.

This conference is the result of the hard work of many people. We thank our authors, shepherds, external reviewers, speakers, tutorial instructors, conference organizers, attendees, and the USENIX staff. We'd particularly like to thank our program committee and the coordinators of the new LISA Labs program for being willing to experiment with new approaches.

This year we have accepted 13 submissions, which adds to USENIX's considerable body of published work. Some of these papers will be applicable for LISA attendees directly, while others are more speculative, and provide ideas for future experimentation. When choosing the program, we specifically chose some content to stimulate discussion and hopefully future paper submissions. Publications in this area—the crossroads of operations practitioners and systems researchers—are difficult to recruit. Framing these complex issues in ways from which others can benefit has always been challenging.

We've prepared a program that we are proud of, but the largest contribution to the success of LISA is the wealth of experience and opinions of our attendees. It is this combination of technical program and deep discussion of deep technical problems that makes LISA unique in our field. We hope that you enjoy the conference.

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