## From the General Chairs and Program Chair

Welcome to IOPADS '99, the Sixth Workshop on I/O in Parallel and Distributed Systems. This year, we have co-located IOPADS with FCRC'99, the ACM Federated Computing Research Conference. We hope each of you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend related meetings in computer architecture, parallel computing, systems, and theory.

As usual, our program reflects well the IOPADS philosophy of bringing together researchers in all aspects of parallel and distributed I/O, which we broadly place into five categories: architecture, algorithms, applications, file and operating systems, and compilers and runtime systems. It is our opinion that the problems of parallel I/O are most effectively addressed by investigating all these areas rather than working in each area in isolation.

This year, the workshop received 30 submissions on a broad array of hardware, software, and theoretical topics related to parallel and distributed I/O. All papers were reviewed by four members of the program committee. The committee then met via conference call on January 7 and selected nine papers for presentation. All program committee members who submitted papers recused themselves from all discussion related to their submissions.

We had help from many quarters organizing IOPADS '99. Donna Baglio and Lisette Burgos of ACM did their usual outstanding jobs, and David Johnson, FCRC'99 Chair, also provided valuable assistance. Deb Israel helped coordinate paper reviews and organization of the final program. We also appreciate the sponsorship of ACM SIGACT, SIGARCH, SIGMETRICS, and SIGOPS, as well as the cooperation of ACM SIGPLAN.

Finally, we thank the members of the program committee for their diligence in reviewing all the submissions, the submitters for making the reviewing task challenging and interesting, and the authors of accepted papers for their prompt response to requests for camera-ready copy.

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