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Preface

The IFIP International Conference on Network and Parallel Computing is an international conference aimed at providing an exciting platform and forum for researchers and developers from academia and industry to present their latest research in the field of parallel computing systems and applications.

This year NPC fostered state-of-the-art research in the area of converging information technologies, including virtualization techniques, tools, and applications; parallel programming models and languages; parallel language compiler and run-time support; parallel and distributed systems; network architecture and protocol design; network security; network storage; network reliability, security, and dependability; network algorithms; communication technology, scheduling and load balancing; advanced Web and proxy services; middleware frameworks and toolkits; performance modeling, prediction, and tuning; multi-core and cluster computing; ubiquitous communications and networks; USN and RFID; embedded and pervasive computing; peer-to-peer networks, social network and services; multimedia communications; cloud computing and networks; machine-to-machine communications; runtime systems; operating systems; resource management; data mining as well as algorithms and performance evaluation and measurement in parallel computing. The NPC 2012 conference also provided an opportunity for academic and industry professionals to discuss the latest issues and progress in the area of convergence of future computing technologies and applications.

We are proud to have had a prestigious set of keynote speakers, and would like to thank them for their distinguished keynote speech:

- Leonard Barolli (Fukuoka Institute of Technology, Japan)
- Fatos Xhafa (Technical University of Catalonia, Spain)
- Ned Kock (Texas A&M International University, USA)
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Owing to many high-quality paper submissions and the lack of space in proceedings, the review process was very tough and we had no choice but to reject several good papers. Each paper was assessed by at least three peer reviewers. The call for papers attracted a total of 136 submissions to the main conference, and only 38 papers were selected for presentation and are included in this volume.

Additionally, we are sure that the distinguished workshop papers from the officially selected five workshops added to the diverse coverage spectrum of our conference. We would like to thank all organizers and all authors of ATIMCN-12, ATSME-12, Cloud&Grid-12, DATICS-12, and UMAS-12.

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