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Preface

This volume presents the proceedings of the *11th IFIP/IEEE International Conference on Management of Multimedia and Mobile Networks and Services (MMNS 2008)*, which was held on Samos, Greece during September 22–26 as part of the 4th International Week on Management of Networks and Services (Manweek 2008). As in the previous three years, the Manweek umbrella allowed an international audience of researchers and scientists from industry and academia – who are researching and developing management systems – to share views and ideas and present their state-of-the-art results.

The other events co-located with Manweek 2008 were the 19th IFIP/IEEE International Workshop on Distributed Systems: Operations and Management (DSOM 2008), the 8th IEEE Workshop on IP Operations and Management (IPOM2008), the Third IEEE International Workshop on Modeling Autonomic Communications Environments (MACE 2008), the 4th IEEE/IFIP International Workshop on End-to-End Virtualization and Grid Management (EVGM 2008) and the 5th International Workshop on Next-Generation Networking Middleware (NGNM 2008).

Under this umbrella, MMNS again proved itself as a top public venue for dissemination of results and intellectual collaboration with specific emphasis on the management of emerging mobile and wireless networks. The objective of the conference is to bring together researchers and scientists from academia and industry interested in state-of-the-art management of converged multimedia networks and services across heterogeneous networking infrastructures.

Contributions from the research community met this challenge with a total of 46 paper submissions from four continents. A comprehensive review process was carried out by the Technical Program Committee and additional subject area experts, with all papers receiving three reviews. Subsequently, all submissions were ranked based on review scores as well as the wider Technical Program Committee's view of their contribution and relevance to the conference scope. After a relevant discussion, it was decided to accept 15 full papers and 1 short paper, presenting work in progress. The overall acceptance rate was 32.6%, which is in line with previous events and guarantees a high-quality technical program. The diverse topics in this year's program included services and user experience, management aspects of wireless and cellular networks, monitoring and control and resource management, IMS platforms for the management of applications, P2P overlays for multimedia applications and services all contributing to the management of real-time mobile multimedia services, as expressed in this year's motto.

The high-quality MMNS 2008 program is a delicate concoction based on the accepted papers of the original and novel contributions of all the authors who submitted their work to the conference, purified by the hard work of the

MMNS 2008 Technical Program Committee members and the rigorous review process accomplished by this set of worldwide experts, supported by the 2008 Manweek Organizing Committee, and enabled by the generous contribution of IFIP, IEEE and the sponsor companies, all of whom are gratefully thanked by the conference Technical Program Committee Chairs. In addition, we thank the Publication Chair Tom Pfeifer and the Springer LNCS team for their support of these proceedings.

We have no doubt that the MMNS 2008 conference was another significant step towards the ability to develop, manage and control truly scalable end-to-end multimedia-based services over next-generation wired and wireless networks.

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