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Preface

This book contains the best papers of the 4th International Conference on E-business and Telecommunications (ICETE), which was held during July 28–31, 2007 in Barcelona, Spain. The conference reflects a continuing effort to increase the dissemination of recent research results among professionals who work in the areas of e-business and telecommunications. ICETE is a joint international conference integrating four major areas of knowledge that are divided into four corresponding conferences: ICE-B (International Conference on e-Business), SECRIPT (International Conference on Security and Cryptography), WINSYS (International Conference on Wireless Information Systems) and SIGMAP (International Conference on Signal Processing and Multimedia).

The program of this joint conference included several outstanding keynote lectures presented by internationally renowned distinguished researchers who are experts in the various ICETE areas. Their keynote speeches contributed to the overall quality of the program and heightened the significance of the theme of the conference.

The conference topic areas define a broad spectrum in the key areas of e-business and telecommunications. This wide view has made it appealing to a global audience of engineers, scientists, business practitioners and policy experts. The papers accepted and presented at the conference demonstrated a number of new and innovative solutions for e-business and telecommunication networks and systems, showing that the technical problems in these fields are challenging, related and significant.

ICETE 2007 received 418 papers in total, with contributions from more than 60 different countries, in all continents, which really shows the success and global dimension of the conference. To evaluate each submission, a double-blind paper evaluation method was used: each paper was reviewed by at least two experts from the International Program Committee, in a double-blind review process, and most papers received three reviews or even more. In the end, 175 papers were selected for oral presentation and publication, corresponding to a 41% acceptance ratio. Of these only 62 were accepted as full papers (15% of submissions) and 113 as short papers. Additionally, 99 papers were accepted for poster presentation.

We hope that you will find this collection of the best ICETE 2007 papers interesting, beneficial and an excellent source of inspiration and knowledge in this important area. ICETE is growing at an impressive rate both in terms of submissions and quality. We hope to have it as the main forum for all those interested in an integrative perspective of the areas of e-business and telecommunications, interrelating knowledge on different theoretical and practical aspects of communication networks such as wireless information systems, security, signal processing and multimedia and e-business.

We hope that we have been successful at selecting these outstanding papers in this book as an important reference for researchers and developers.

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