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Dedication

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Preface

This book includes Volume I of the proceedings of the 2008 International Conference on Systems, Computing Sciences and Software Engineering (SCSS). SCSS is part of the International Joint Conferences on Computer, Information, and Systems Sciences, and Engineering (CISSE 08). The proceedings are a set of rigorously reviewed world-class manuscripts presenting the state of international practice in Innovations and Advanced Techniques in Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering.

SCSS 08 was a high-caliber research conference that was conducted online. CISSE 08 received 948 paper submissions and the final program included 390 accepted papers from more than 80 countries, representing the six continents. Each paper received at least two reviews, and authors were required to address review comments prior to presentation and publication.

Conducting SCSS 08 online presented a number of unique advantages, as follows:

- All communications between the authors, reviewers, and conference organizing committee were done on line, which permitted a short six week period from the paper submission deadline to the beginning of the conference.
- PowerPoint presentations, final paper manuscripts were available to registrants for three weeks prior to the start of the conference
- The conference platform allowed live presentations by several presenters from different locations, with the audio and PowerPoint transmitted to attendees throughout the internet, even on dial up connections. Attendees were able to ask both audio and written questions in a chat room format, and presenters could mark up their slides as they deem fit
- The live audio presentations were also recorded and distributed to participants along with the power points presentations and paper manuscripts within the conference DVD.

The conference organizers and I are confident that you will find the papers included in this volume interesting and useful. We believe that technology will continue to infuse education thus enriching the educational experience of both students and teachers.

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