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Welcome to the IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks, the conference on the leading edge of computer networking. Now in its 38th year, IEEE LCN is one of the oldest and continuously running conferences on computer networking. Back in Sydney after 8 years, we will continue with the stimulating and friendly interactive environment that LCN is known for, fostering interactions among researchers and practitioners, from academia and industry. LCN will continue its tradition of offering a quality set of papers selected via a thorough review process with a very selective acceptance rate. Poster and demonstration sessions will provide a window into leading edge research and development activities around the globe. Nine workshops will be held on the first and last days of the conference. LCN is a truly international conference with authors coming from 40 countries. LCN 2013 will offer keynotes from two distinguished leaders in networking: Kevin Bloch, CTO of Cisco Australia and New Zealand, and Prof. Aruna Seneviratne of University of New South Wales and National ICT Australia (NICTA).

It has been my great pleasure to work with the members of the LCN Organizing Committee. They are a highly dedicated group of professionals who took time off from their busy schedules to ensure a quality conference. Damla Turgut and Nils Aschenbruch, the Program Chairs, have done a superb job in putting together a high quality technical program. Frank Huebner, the Finance Chair, continues to ensure that LCN is among the best run conferences sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society. Soumaya Cherkaoui, the Workshop Chair, solicited and coordinated the set of 9 workshops. Jens Tolle, the Publications Chair, has created a high quality conference proceedings. Kemal Akkaya organized the demonstration session. Katrin Reitsma, the Publications Chair, helped us reach the authors and the attendees. Matthias Wählisch is compiling a special journal issue. Gary Kessler's service as the Webmaster was also invaluable.

We are also fortunate to have a very capable group from Australia in the LCN organization committee, without whose dedication this LCN would not have been possible. Salil Kanhere, the Local Arrangements Chair, and Olivier Mehani, the Local Arrangements Co-Chair made all the arrangements in Sydney, including the selection of the hotel, organization of the social event, and running the conference. Sanjay Jha, the Corporate Relations Chair, secured funding and support from many sponsors, making it possible to significantly enhance the experience for the conference attendees, and to grant student support. Tim Wark the Publicity Co-Chair helped with regional publicity, and Guillaume Jourjon served as the Students Grant Chair.

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I hope that you will have a nice stay in Sydney, and will find LCN 2013 to be an enriching and enjoyable experience.

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