Message from the iThings 2021 General Chairs
iThings-GreenCom-CPSCom-SmartData-Cybermatics 2021

Welcome to the 14th IEEE International Conference on Internet of Things (iThings 2021)! The iThings 2021 is a top publication venue sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society. The IEEE iThings 2021 Conference was planned to be held in Melbourne, Australia, December 06-08, 2021. Given the COVID- 19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions, as the safety of people is of the highest priority, the conference will be held virtually on December 06-08, 2021. On behalf of the Organizing Committee of iThings 2021, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the delegates attending iThings-2021.

Internet of Things (IoT) brings together promising opportunities and challenges. IoT is expected to play a key role in the next generation of information, network, and communication technologies. In the future, IoT will likely usher us in an era of "harmony of man with nature", which results from harmonic fusion of Physical-space, Cyber-space, and Social-space. iThings 2021 will provide a high-profile, leading-edge forum for researchers, engineers, and practitioners to present state-of-the-art advances and innovations in theories, systems, infrastructure, tools, testbeds, and applications for IoT. iThings 2021 will also help to identify emerging research topics and define the future of everything interconnected via cyberspace.

iThings 2021 attracted a large number of submissions. Each paper was peer-reviewed by at least three program committee members. Based on the consensus of the peer reviews, the final decision was made. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Program Chairs, namely, Prof. Prem Jayaraman, Prof. Karan Mitra, and Dr. Haipeng Dai, and Technical Program Committee members for their effective work. We are also thankful for the guidance from the Steering Committee and the assistance from the Publicity Chairs, the Workshop Chairs, and the Web Chair. In addition, the support from IEEE, IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Technical Committee on Scalable Computing (TCSC), Swinburne University of Technology, Monash University, and NSCLab is highly appreciated.

It is worth noting that iThings 2021 is held jointly with the 14th IEEE International Conference on Cyber, Physical, and Social Computing (CPSCom 2021), the 17th IEEE International Conference on Green Computing and Communications (GreenCom 2021), the 7th IEEE International Conference on Smart Data (SmartData 2021), and the 2021 IEEE International Conference on Blockchain (Blockchain 2021). You are welcome to explore the co-located conferences.

Finally, we thank you for contributing to and/or participating in IEEE iThings 2021 and hope you find the conference a stimulating and exciting forum.

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