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Preface

We are pleased to present to you the proceedings of the sixth Annual International Working Conference on Active Networks, which took place in October 2004 at The Information and Telecommunications Technology Center, The University of Kansas, USA. The proceedings of IWAN 2004 mark a transition between the funded active networking programs in Europe, Japan, and the United States and a strong, continued interest in the architectures of programmable networks.

The technical committee accepted 14 papers for presentation from 32 submitted papers. The papers are organized into sections on active network systems and architectures, security in active networking, active network applications, mobile active networks and active network management. Whereas the contributions on active network architectures and management build upon mature concepts devised in the previous years and are incremental follow-ups of the related research, the security considerations are of primary importance to the active networks practitioners. The papers on mobile applications of active networks, like TCP gateways between wireless and wireline networks, provide additional inspirations to the active network researchers.

Featured in the program were a keynote address by Jonathan M. Smith of DARPA and two invited papers, one by Takashi Egawa, Yoshiaki Kiriha, and Akira Arutaki on “Tackling the Complexity of Future Networks”, and one by Bernhard Plattner and James Sterbenz, titled “Programmable Networks: Alternative Mechanisms and Design Choices”. Based on the reviewer feedback, the authors of the paper “Dynamic Link Measurements Using Active Components”, Dimitrios Pezaros, Manolis Sifalakis, Stefan Schmid and David Hutchison, all of Lancaster University, were awarded this year’s Best Paper Award. During the two days of the conference there were several lively discussions, including one at the end of the first day on the scope and future of IWAN itself. The social event, barbecue at the Circle-S ranch, provided a most enjoyable venue for discussion and collegiality.

We would like to thank the members of the Program Committee for their excellent work in reviewing, selecting, and in some cases shepherding papers for the program. V. Rory Petty and F. “Ted” Weidling supported the Web site and conference organization.

We appreciate the work of all the authors, they are the core of this workshop and proceedings. The participation of all the attendees made an outstanding conference. Enjoy the fruits of all their labors. We trust you will find these proceedings interesting.

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