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About the Conference

From the Editors

A conference called "Conference on the Applications of Simulation Using GPSS," sponsored by ACM, SHARE, and IEEE, was held in 1967. In 1971 the name of the conference was changed to the "1971 Winter Simulation Conference," and it has been held annually with the exception of 1972 and 1975. As the conference proceeds into its second quarter-century, we have occasion to reflect upon the development of the conference as well as the changes we have seen in the field of simulation. The evolution of the conference has reflected the development of the field of discrete event and combined continuous-discrete event simulation. In looking back, three patterns emerge.

First, the number of participants has grown in parallel with the growth in the number of professionals in the field of simulation. Attendance at the 1993 conference was very strong, and based upon the number of program submissions and inquiries this year, attendance is expected to continue this upward trend. Clearly, research in and application of simulation are in a period of strong, steady growth.

Second, the field has seen an integration of methodology and application. As you will see in the program this year, many software products utilize the latest modeling and analysis methodology. Similarly, much of the current research in analysis and modeling methodology is directed toward solving applied problems. Like the first conference in the series, applications are the driving force.

Third, the Winter Simulation Conference has become more international in scope. In the early conferences, virtually all participants were from the U. S. However, over the past decade, the number of participants from Europe and the Far East has increased dramatically. This year, the program includes presenters from such farflung places as New Zealand, Japan, Germany and Croatia. Many simulation modeling ideas, such as activity cycle diagrams and Petri nets, have developed in Europe quite separately from modeling approaches developed in the U. S. In this year's conference, we see a merging of these approaches. It truly can be said that we now have a global simulation community.

One of the primary purposes of the Winter Simulation Conference is to provide a meeting place for people from academia, industry and government to exchange knowledge and technology concerning discrete and discrete-continuous simulation. We hope all conferees will take advantage of all the opportunities for professional advancement at this conference.

The theme of this year's conference is "Simulation... Beyond Imagination." The program certainly echoes this theme. This program is arguably the largest yet at a Winter Simulation Conference. The number of contributed papers was so overwhelming that the Conference Committee decided to expand the program to 11 tracks. The final program consists of 214 presentations in 101 sessions. There are 171 full-length technical papers, 25 software/modelware tutorials and 6 panel discussions. In the 11 parallel tracks there are 78 invited papers and 136 contributed papers. Altogether, 286 contributed papers were received and the acceptance rate was 48

The program can be divided into three broad areas: education, methodology and applications. In the area of education, tracks on introductory tutorials, advanced tutorials and state-of-the-art reviews increasingly advance surveys of current practice in all areas of simulation methodology and application. Every attendee should find a tutorial or review that is of interest. Two additional tracks containing software/modelware tutorials are also provided to introduce attendees to various simulation software products. Next, three tracks are devoted to

simulation methodology: the analysis methodology track presents papers and issues related to the statistical and mathematical aspects of simulation, while the modeling methodology track, which includes the parallel and discrete event simulation mini-track, has papers and panels concerned with issues in model development and representation. Finally, there are three tracks involving applications in the entire spectrum of potential application areas. Applications are presented in such areas as military, health care, manufacturing, restaurants and entertainment, computer performance analysis and others.

This volume and indeed the entire conference is the joint creation of the persons serving on the Conference Committee and the Program Committee. In addition to ourselves, The Conference Committee includes David Goldsman, Daniel Muller, Bill Lilegdon, M. Eric Johnson, David Sturrock, Thomas McGuigan, and Christine Watson. The Program Committee includes Laurie Travis, Sheldon Jacobson, Jim Wilson, John Miller, Richard Fujimoto, Keebom Kang, John Fowler, Paul Auclair, Julie Lowery, Mark Roberts, Kevin Healy and Jim Swain. These track coordinators were empowered to invite presentations and review and accept contributed papers. They were assisted in the performance of their duties by the generous efforts of session chairs and referees. Referees are acknowledged by name on page xxviii of this volume. We are all indebted to them for their highly competent and dedicated work.

A number of other persons have contributed significantly. Special thanks go to David Goldsman for his efforts as Associate Program Chair. We also wish to thank Pam Dwight for her help in maintaining the program database and to Sheila King for providing secretarial support. Also, thanks go to the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia for the use of their services and facilities. In addition, on behalf of the Proceedings Editors, special thanks go to Phil Seeley, Jerry Bowdle, and Thoi Truong, all of Consolidated Freightways, Inc., for their support in the development of this Proceedings.

The host location for this year's conference is the Walt Disney World Swan Hotel, adjacent to EPCOT in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. WSC 94's general committee worked to capitalize on the informal atmosphere to present an environment encouraging free exchange of information among a wide variety of participants. We would like to thank Dave Sturrock, Eric Johnson, Dan Muller, Christine Watson, and Tom McGuigan for their care in ensuring a successful conference and a very positive experience for attendees, presenters, and exhibitors. Also, thanks to Caroline Zenkevich and Lynn Barrett of Systems Modeling for donating behind-the-scenes time and effort that were well "above and beyond the call" to put together high-quality publications for WSC. Finally, many thanks to Shelly Richardson of EPIC Management, the conference's professional services organization, for tirelessly attending to details, making suggestions, and managing the conference preparations throughout the year.

We thank all attendees for their participation in the 1994 Winter Simulation Conference. We hope that you find the conference to be a rewarding and enriching experience.

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2	Second Conference on the Applications of Simulation 2-4 December 1968 Hotel Roosevelt, New York, NY	Julian Reitman (GC) Arnold Ockene (PC)	856
3	Third Conference on the Applications of Simulation 8-10 December 1969 International Hotel, Los Angeles, CA	Arnold Ockene (GC) Philip J. Kiviat (PC)	400
4	Fourth Conference on the Applications of Simulation 9-11 December 1970 Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, NY	Philip J. Kiviat (GC) Michael Araten (PC)	1100
5	The 1971 Winter Simulation Conference 8-10 December 1971 Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, NY	Michel Araten (GC) Joseph Sussman (PC)	1200
6	The 1973 Winter Simulation Conference 17-19 January 1973 St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, CA	Joseph Sussman (GC) Austin C. Hoggatt (PC)	600
7	The 1974 Winter Simulation Conference 14-16 January 1974 The Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC	Michael F. Morris (GC) Harold Steinberg (PC) Harold J. Highland (PE)	463

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