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- Processor architecture, e.g., network and security architectures, application-specific processors and accelerators, and reconfigurable architectures
- Memory system design
- Power, temperature, performance, and reliability constrained designs
- Evaluation methodologies, program characterization, and analysis techniques
- Compiler techniques for embedded systems, e.g, feedback-directed optimization, dynamic compilation, adaptive execution, continuous profiling/optimization, back-end code generation, and binary translation/optimization
- Code size/memory footprint optimizations

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## In This Volume

First, I am very delighted that Sir Maurice Wilkes accepted to write the leading article of the first volume of the journal. Having contributed to our field ever since the beginning of the electronic computer era, he has an unprecedented broad perspective of the exciting evolution of computers to the point that we know them today. In his leading article, which is partly based on the keynote address he contributed to the first HiPEAC summer school (ACACES 2005), Prof. Wilkes shares with us his reflections on the evolution in computer architecture over the

last few decades. He also provides his outlook on the forces that will be important over the next decade. His article appears as the first regular paper in this volume.

An important deliverable for the HiPEAC Network of Excellence is a roadmap of the challenges facing high-performance embedded architectures and compilers. The HiPEAC community has put together a roadmap along ten themes that highlights the research challenges we are faced with in the next decade. I'm pleased that the roadmap appears in this volume. It is the second regular paper.

Apart from publishing regular papers, *Transactions on HiPEAC* will sometimes publish papers on special topics or highlights from conferences. This volume contains three such specialized themes organized into three parts: Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3. Part 1 is devoted to the best papers of the 2005 International Conference on High-Performance Embedded Architectures and Compilers (HiPEAC 2005). Part 2 is devoted to the topic of optimizing compilers and is edited by Mike O'Boyle, University of Edinburgh, Francois Bodin, IRISA, and Marcelo Cintra, University of Edinburgh. Finally, Part 3 is devoted to the best papers on embedded architectures and compilers from the 2006 ACM International Conference on Computing Frontiers and is edited by Sally A. McKee, Cornell University. Organizing specific themes in this journal will be a recurring activity in the future and I encourage prospective guest editors to propose themes for future volumes.

Finally, I have been fortunate to engage a set of distinguished members of our community to form the first editorial board. It is my pleasure to introduce this set of fine people.

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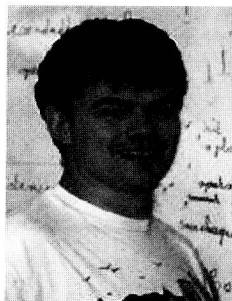




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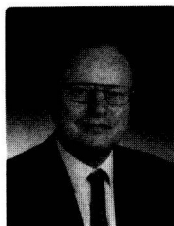
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