

## Message from the General Chairs

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to welcome you to the 17th IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC-2021), conducted virtually from November 7-9, 2021. IISWC is a premier international forum for the characterization and understanding of all types of workloads. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided early on to make IISWC-2021 a virtual conference. We are grateful to the steering committee and the organizing committee, each of whom gave generously of their time to organize the symposium. We wish to thank the Program Chairs, Timothy Rogers and Huiyang Zhou, for choosing the Program Committee and helping select 19 high-quality papers for presentation, providing a strong technical program. Our workshops/tutorials chairs, Russell Joseph and Arrvindh Shriraman, did an excellent job creating a compelling set of Workshops and Tutorials. Our publicity chairs, Moriyoshi Ohara and Amro Awad, together with our Social Media Chair, Xiaochen Guo, worked across many time zones to advertise the conference. Bingzhe Li and Rathish Jayabharathi helped navigate the myriad details of virtual conference registration. Fan Yao and Xuan 'Silvia' Zhang helped coordinate all matters related to publications. We are also grateful to Masab Ahmad, our web chair, for always being on top of changes to the web site. Mengchi Zhang was invaluable as our submissions chair. Dimitrios Skarlatos and Qiuyun Llull, our virtual arrangements chairs, dealt with the thorny details related to conducting a virtual conference. New this year, we decided to add an optional artifact evaluation badge for authors that agreed to submit their experimental artifacts. Reetuparna Das, Jason Lowe-Power, and Timothy Merrifield were the inaugural chairs for this artifact evaluation process, and we thank them and their committee for the quick turnaround time for this newly added portion of the submission process.

We would like to thank our industrial sponsors, Facebook and VMware, for their generous financial support. Our special thanks also go to IEEE TCCA for its continued sponsorship of IISWC. We hope you find IISWC-2021 an exciting platform to learn, share, and exchange ideas and research findings related to workload characterization. Finally, our sincere thanks go to you, the conference attendees and speakers, for making IISWC-2021 a reality.

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