EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Special Track on Computer Applications in Health Care

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The evolution and a growing interest in the application of computer systems in the health care area is a reality in the last years. These applications have opened new possibilities of information systems, visualization of medical images, manipulation of medical data, interaction and communication among professional and patients, besides new ways for training and updating professional’s knowledge.

The ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary gathering forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers, software engineers, and application developers from around the world. The track “Computer Applications in Health” aims at providing a space for discussion and experience exchange for researchers, students, professors and industry professionals that are interested in the development of the health care area.

The ACM-CAHC2009 follows the success of previous editions, aiming at presenting recent results of the research on several areas of health care, developed by professionals coming from several researches’ centers from different countries.

The CAHC2009 Call for Papers generated considerable interest with high-quality contributions from researchers across many countries, from Europe, Latin America and Asia. We received 29 full papers submissions from which we selected 9 full papers and 2 posters. Experts in the area evaluated all the submitted papers.

We would like to emphasize our gratitude to all program committee members, the organizing committees and the authors of all submitted papers. On behalf of CAHC2009, we welcome all delegates and sincerely hope that you enjoy the symposium and the beauty of Honolulu, Hawaii !!!