

# Welcome Message from General Chair

Welcome to ACM IMC 2014 in Vancouver! IMC is a highly-regarded conference, co-sponsored by ACM SIGCOMM and ACM SIGMETRICS, that brings together networking researchers to advance the current state-of-the-art in the measurement and characterization of the Internet. It is an honour to host this event in Canada for the first time, and I thank you for being part of it.

The Program Chairs, Aditya Akella and Nina Taft, have an excellent technical program lined up for you. I thank them and their extensive Program Committee for doing the heavy lifting on this front. We hope that you enjoy the talks and have many stimulating discussions during your three days at the conference.

Many people helped make this conference a success. I would like to thank the IMC Steering Committee (Mark Allman, Jim Kurose, Ratul Mahajan, and Renata Teixeira, plus former member Chen-Nee Chuah) for talking me into this role, and for handling industry sponsorships and the student travel grant program. Their collective knowledge provides an endless source of wisdom on conference finances and organizational logistics. Our many external supporters include Akamai, Alcatel-Lucent, Facebook, MLab, NSF, Technicolor, ThousandEyes, and Verisign. Their commitments to this event and the IMC conference series are appreciated, since they help keep our registration fees low, and allow many students to attend the conference. Shira Gordon and the team at MITACS Conference Services have been a pleasure to work with, helping with hotel selection, catering, AV, planning, and more. My hat is off to you for the fantastic service that you provide! My thanks to my local team members of Zongpeng Li as Proceedings Chair, and Mea Wang as Finance Chair, plus Canadian colleague Jianping Pan for his service as Publicity Chair. The assistance of our student volunteers (Michel Laterman, Sean Picard, Arsham Skrenes, and others) on site was much appreciated, as were the special touches provided by Sue Williamson. Last but not least, the staff at ACM (Diana Brantuas, Adrienne Griscti, Ann Lane, April Mosqus, and Stephanie Sabal), RegOnline, and Sheridan Communications helped keep all the paperwork moving to ensure smooth conference operations. My gracious thanks to you all!

Thank you all for attending ACM IMC 2014. I hope that you enjoy the conference, the hotel, the food, and the beautiful city of Vancouver!

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