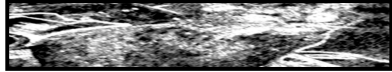# Message from the Program Co-Chairs

8th International Workshop on Program Comprehension

Welcome to IWPC 2000, the 8th International Workshop on Program Comprehension! IWPC 2000 continues the tradition of previous IWPCs by being a well-known workshop in the software engineering field, focusing on all aspects of program comprehension. It is an international forum where researchers, practitioners, and students discuss research results, exchange stimulating ideas, and assess the state-of-the-art in program comprehension.

This year's theme, "Combining Techniques and Experiments," brings together researchers and practitioners who address the field from different perspectives: one is more oriented toward techniques, methods, and tools; the other is more focused on experimental studies and understandability and usability aspects of methods and tools. We hope that the program will raise many interesting discussions and afford possibilities for cross-fertilization.

IWPC 2000 is co-located with the 22nd International Conference on Software Engineering, ICSE 2000, the flagship conference in software engineering. This fact and the exciting program of IWPC should also help to provide a broader perspective of our field and stimulate new ideas for important and interesting research and experimental studies.

As with every conference or workshop, it is the papers and their authors that form the technical basis. This year we received 39 submissions, of which the program committee selected 24 excellent papers spanning a broad range of program comprehension topics. IWPC 2000 consists of 8 technical papers sessions, 4 working sessions, and 2 keynote presentations given by well-known researchers.

As program chairs, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped to organize IWPC 2000. We want to thank the authors for submitting their papers to IWPC, the members of the Program Committee for their in depth reviews of the submitted papers and for promoting IWPC, and the people at the IEEE Computer Society for their support in producing the proceedings. A special thanks goes to Michael Fischer, who ran the electronic paper submission web-site so well. It helped us very much in streamlining the reviewing process.

We wish you a pleasant time in Limerick and hope that you will enjoy the program of IWPC 2000!

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