Message from the
NSDI '15 Program Co-Chairs

Welcome to NSDI '15!

Over the years, NSDI has established itself as the top venue for work on networked and distributed systems. This year's iteration is no exception, and we have an excellent program that spans the gamut from novel distributed systems to wireless technologies to data analytics.

We are particularly excited about the increasing popularity of the Operational Systems Track that is intended for a different breed of papers. Rather than pure research results, these papers describe experience with large-scale, deployed systems and networks. They offer a behind-the-scenes look at real networked and distributed systems, and insights which are otherwise hard to come by. This year's session includes papers that span a broad range of topics, such as high-performance packet processing, scalable distributed systems, and services over the wide area.

We received 213 submissions (about the same as last year), and we accepted a record number of 42 papers. Our program committee had 45 members, including the co-chairs, with diverse expertise and experiences. The review process included two rounds of reviews, plenty of online discussion, and an in-person PC meeting. In the first round, each paper received three independent reviews. We advanced to the second round more than half of the submitted papers. In the second round, each paper received at least two additional reviews. Based on the reviews and online discussions, 81 papers were selected for discussion at the PC meeting. We sought external reviews sparingly, mostly in cases where the PC did not have sufficient expertise.

A conference like NSDI cannot succeed without the collective effort and support of many individuals and organizations. This effort starts with the authors, and we thank them for submitting the product of their hard work. Our PC members invested significant effort in the reviewing process, and we are grateful for their reviews, online discussions, and meeting participation. Special thanks to Geoff Voelker for managing papers with which both chairs were conflicted. We are also grateful to our external reviewers for lending their expertise, often on short notice. We thank Rama Ramasubramanian and Franzi Roesner for serving as Poster chairs. USENIX does a remarkable job of managing all non-technical aspects of the conference, and this year's NSDI was no exception. Working with their staff, including Casey Henderson, Michele Nelson, and Julie Miller, was a pleasure. Sophie Ostlund at the University of Washington helped organize the PC meeting.

Finally, we thank you—the NSDI '15 attendees. It is your participation and interest that sustains and nourishes the conference and our community.

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