Preface

These proceedings are for the Sixth Australasian Document Computing Symposium (ADCS 2001), held at Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour, on Friday, 7 December, 2001. The Symposium was hosted by the School of Multimedia and Information Technology of Southern Cross University.

ADCS '01 is intended to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in document management and information retrieval to meet and present their work. The symposium has very broad scope, including all aspects of Document Computing. These range from the fundamentals of document architectures and standards for markup, through storage, management, retrieval, authentication and workflow, to active and virtual documents. The symposium brings together those working in both commercial and academic areas. This year, the Symposium is co-located with the ACIS conference, Twelfth Australasian Conference on Information Systems Conference.

The Symposium has been generously supported by School of Information Technology Swinburne University of Technology.

We are fortunate to have an invited paper from Alistair Moffat and Raymond Wan from CSIRO. This paper presentation is possible due to the sponsorship of Griffith University. We are grateful for their support.

Of the 27 papers submitted, 8 (30%) have been selected as full papers. These are wide ranging, a reflection of the breadth of activity in document computing in Australasian.

Another 8 short papers have been selected. These present on-going work and new ideas and will presented as posters.

Each paper was reviewed by at least three reviewers. We are grateful to the Programme Committee members for their prompt and thorough reviews of the papers and broader contributions to the planning processes for ADCS'01. The Programme Committee members were supported in their work by additional reviewers. We are grateful for their contributions. These additional reviewers are: Chris Chapman, DSTO; Peter Deer, Griffiths University; Lorraine Johnston, Swinburne University of Technology; Stefanie Kethers, CSIRO; Rens Scheepers, Swinburne University of Technology; Dawei Song, DSTC; Zheng Andy Song, RMIT; Ross Wilkinson, CSIRO; Mingfang Wu, CSIRO. For assistance with assembling this proceedings, we are grateful to Amanda Miller.

We look forward to the conference with anticipation of a lively series of presentations and posters in the formal programme as well as the opportunity for informal sharing of ideas and enthusiasm.

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