General Chair's Welcome Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Miami, Florida, and to the 19th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking – *MobiCom'13*. This year the program is packed with exciting and high quality sessions, including nine paper sessions, seven workshops on emerging research/technologies, four keynotes from highly recognized researchers and visionary leaders in the industry, two hot panels, and a joint demos and posters session along with an associated one-minute-madness preview show. Additionally, and new this year, are the industry paper session addressing emerging trends and the mobile app competition. The latter, which I co-chaired with Wendong, has attracted over 50 mobile app submissions from 20 countries, utilizing Android (and Google Glass), iOS, Windows Phone, and HTML5 platforms.

In addition to the technical program, an exciting social program has been planned for all registrants. A welcome reception will kick start our social program. A Gala dinner will follow offering banquet food and entertainment. An Afro-Cuban band from the Miami area known for its unique rhythms influenced by Jazz, Blues, Brazilian and Soul music will hopefully please, entertain, and energize the *MobiCom* crowd after two intense conference days.

Putting together *MobiCom'13* has been a team effort. I would like to first thank the authors for submitting their best work and providing the content of the program in terms of papers, demos and posters. I would also like to thank the workshop organizers, the panelists, and the four keynote speakers for their contributions. I am grateful to the organization committee and its dedication in making *MobiCom'13* a success. Victor provided invaluable guidance which was very helpful throughout the process. Ranveer and Robin did an excellent job in assembling a world-class program committee for soliciting and reviewing the main track papers. Paolo and Tamer N., and Yongguang and Tamer E. have also done an excellent job in organizing an exciting joint posters and demo session. Sasu and Lili, with help from Marco and Thyaga, pulled two panels on very hot de jour topics. The panels will spice up our program and for that we are thankful to them. I am very grateful to Christine Julien for handling the tricky Publications Chair role so professionally and attending to many details carefully. Moustafa and Raja have done an awesome job in attracting and selecting interesting workshops and handling many details to meet the individual needs of each workshop. My Thai set up RegOnline and handled registration smoothly and professionally – many thanks to My. Ahmed kept an eye on the conference finances and to him I am grateful. Many thanks go to Wendong who has put significant effort in getting the mobile app competition off the ground. Maria also did her share of carefully attending to details and running the NSF student travel grants competition. Souvik kindly stepped up to take care of the SRC competition. The publicity campaign and the timely messaging orchestrated by Pei were no doubt vital in reaching out to the broadest audience, and for that I am thankful to Pei. Last but not least, Jung Wook Park, our Web Chair, has done a herculean job in managing the MobiCom web site content and meticulously keeping it up to date. I am truly appreciative of all his efforts.

Now we cannot forget to thank our sponsor, ACM SIGMOBILE, and our generous government, academic and corporate supporters: the National Science Foundation (Platinum), Microsoft Research (Gold), Google and IBM (Silver), and the University of Florida (Bronze). Their sponsorship and support were vital to the successful organization of this conference.

I wish you all a pleasant stay in Miami, and a memorable and rich experience in *MobiCom*.

Sumi Helal
MobiCom'13 General Chair