Greetings

On behalf of the Technical Program Committee of the 2002 International Symposium on Nonlinear Theory and Its Applications, NOLTA'02, it is a great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to NOLTA'02.

This year, for the regular and special sessions, we received 313 submitted papers. All these were evaluated in the electronically collected reviews from all around the world. Finally 244 papers are included in the technical program. These papers are blended with the accepted papers of ISITA'02 and are divided into 91 sessions. Besides them, the TPCs of ISITA and NOLTA arranged 2 joint special sessions; "Nonlinear Data Analysis and Its Applications" organized by J. Kurths and I. Tokuda and "Application of Chaos to Communication and Signal Processing" organized by G. Setti, R. Rovatti, G. Mazzini and C. K. Tse. Further, the TPCs invited 3 speakers for the plenary session; Yi X. Zhong of University of Posts and Telecommunications Beijing, China, Joachim Hagenauer of Technische Universität München, Germany, and Martin Hasler of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Switzerland. We hope you to build friendship through the technical discussions and the exchanges of ideas.

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I hope that all of you will find rewarding during the conference and have a pleasant stay in Xi'an.

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