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Foreword

LA-WEB 2005

In 2003 we started the Latin American Web Congress in Chile; in 2004 it went to Brazil. Two years later we are happy to see that Argentina is hosting the congress. This was possible thanks to the sponsorship of SADIO, the Argentine Society on Informatics and Operations Research, which was in charge of the local organization, chaired by Héctor Monteverde. We also want to acknowledge the work of the program committee chair, Luis Olsina. Both were not alone, and in the name of the Steering Committee, we also thank all of the people behind them. We also thank the financial support of CLEI, the Latin American Center for Informatics Studies, which represents the main research and teaching institutions of Latin America, and well as CYTED, the Ibero American Program for Cooperation in Science and Technology. Finally, we hope that you enjoy the hospitality of one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, Buenos Aires.

Ricardo Baeza-Yates

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Preface

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On behalf of the Program Committee, I welcome you to LA-WEB 2005, the Third Latin American Web Congress!

LA-WEB is planned as an annual event, which this year is organized by SADIO, the Argentine Society on Informatics and Operations Research, and hosted in Buenos Aires. LA-WEB 2005 is a regional conference endorsed by the IW3C2 (the International World Wide Web Conference Committee). Since 2003, the LA-WEB congress has been a Latin American forum for discussing state-of-the-art modeling approaches, methods, tools, and technologies for empowering and advancing the World Wide Web. Presentation of original ideas and experiences coming from both academia and industry are welcome. The first instance of LA-WEB was held in Santiago, Chile, in 2003, with the second conference being held in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, in 2004.

As in past conferences, this year's Program Committee is truly international, including recognized researchers and experts from 19 countries. The Program Committee received a total of 48 full submissions and selected 23 full papers and 13 short papers for presentation in the conference representing participation by researchers and practitioners from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay, and the United Kingdom. The subject diversity of LA-WEB 2005 is reflected in the accepted papers, ranging from Web search and data mining, ontologies, and semantic Web to Web engineering, Web usability, and context-aware computing, among others. In addition, this year's LA-WEB conference includes two keynote speakers and two mini-tutorial contributions by recognized professionals and researchers from Chile and the United States. These presentations are intended to stimulate discussion and the exchange of ideas between the presenters and attendees.

We would like to acknowledge the aforementioned sponsorships and endorsements in addition to the invaluable contribution of the Program Committee, who provided their professional expertise to the review process. To all of them, our heartfelt thanks and welcome to Buenos Aires!

This LA-WEB congress is dedicated to the memory of Alberto Mendelzon, a researcher who contributed humbly and steadily in his field around the world.

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