



# General Chair's Report

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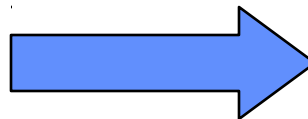
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# Executive Summary

We moved to a new location



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The program was terrific,  
Most people smiled.



# Organizing Team

General chair: Rob Cunningham (MIT Lincoln Laboratory)

Program chairs: Somesh Jha (University of Wisconsin, Madison) and Wenke Lee (Georgia Tech)

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TC Chairs: Hilarie Orman—outgoing (Purplestreak) and Sven Dietrich (Stevens Institute of Technology) and Patrick McDaniel (Penn State)



# Goals for 2012

Keep the culture of 32 years of IEEE S&P  
Make room for all who want to attend  
Enable greater student participation  
Acquire more lenient copyright rules  
Enable room for a few more high-quality papers  
Strengthen the workshops



# Keep the Culture, Grow the Community

Shared time together

- Breakfast and lunch

- Breaks to encourage conversation

Consistent conference structure

- Sunday reception

- Monday posters

- Tuesday business meeting

Interesting content

- Carefully peer-reviewed papers

- 5-min short talks and a broad set of posters

Carefully control change to maintain the collaborative atmosphere



# Keep the Culture, Grow the Community

## Make room

New venue allowed attendance by >450 people (vs. 350)

Extend the conference to a full day Wednesday to allow for 40+ papers

## Support student attendance

23 grants supported by donors

6 grants from the technical committee

## Formalize donor offerings

Record one session (Attacks II) for the web

Explore a new IEEE copyright form

Independently organize workshops



# Other

Continued “Go Green” theme  
Program on the web

Printed proceedings only for those who pay

Continued press chair to coordinate media interactions  
Articles in magazines and newspapers

## Challenges

Logistics for two hotels (Westin St. Francis & Airport)

- Overcrowded shuttle bus
- More people on bus than those staying at the Westin Airport!

Filling all contracted rooms at the Westin Airport



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