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Message from the General Chair and Program Co-Chairs

On behalf of the FPT'09 Organizing Committee, welcome to the eighth International Conference on Field-Programmable Technology and welcome to Sydney!

This year we have a full three day program, comprising three stimulating keynote talks, 32 oral presentations, 46 posters, 8 demonstrations, the results of the second FPT Design Competition, two social evenings, and three workshops. Presentations emphasize topics on field-programmable architectures and devices, design tools and design flows, implementations of fundamental algorithms, and novel applications of field-programmable technology.

In total, 165 submissions were received from the following countries of origin:

Belgium	1	China	9	Brazil	2	Australia	12
Finland	1	Hong Kong	3	Canada	12	New Zealand	2
France	3	India	3	USA	30		
Germany	15	Iran	2				
Greece	5	Japan	18				
Isle of Man	2	Malaysia	1				
Italy	1	Rep of Korea	2				
Netherlands	10	Singapore	2				
Norway	1	Taiwan	3				
Spain	1						
Switzerland	1						
UK	23						
Europe	**64**	**Asia**	**43**	**Americas**	**44**	**Oceania**	**14**

We thank the contributors for submitting such high calibre work to FPT. Anonymous submissions of full papers were peer reviewed by at least three international program committee members. The program committee then discussed the review outcomes to arrive at a final review decision. We thank the committee and the additional reviewers for helping us select a program that is both exciting and of a high standard.

FPT has reached a level of maturity where we now almost take it for granted that there will be great papers and committed organizers. Nevertheless, without the help of local people and organizations, we would struggle to be as successful. We would therefore like to thank the rest of the Organizing Committee for their efforts to host a well organized and successful conference. It would also not be easy to host a conference of this scale without the commitment and financial support of our long time and occasional sponsors – thanks very much for your substantial assistance.

We hope that you, the participants, have a great time at FPT, that you enjoy the program and that you get a lot out of coming such a long way.

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