

Message from the General Chair

Welcome to Hot Chips 10. Achieving double digits in our title (not the reason for our switch from Roman numerals) is a significant milestone.

The essence of this conference is to present to engineers real products that are outstanding in their classes (which might be speed, power, level of integration, usefulness) - the best of the bunch. The presentations are peer-to-peer, engineer to engineer, not marketing/sales to customer. The products are real products, not something that might get built, and the presentations are technical, not marketing.

Program committees for Hot Chips don't just get to review the details of the latest and greatest before the rest of you. They also work hard to make sure the papers get in on time, and have technical meat. Every year it seems to be a challenge to root out the best of the products. This year was not an exception, but looking at the resulting program, this year's program committee, lead by John Wawryznek and Norm Jouppi, was up to that challenge.

The rest of the organizing committee should also be recognized for their hard work. Diane Smith was invaluable as vice chair, liaison to Hot Interconnects, and all around institutional memory - something that no conference made up of volunteers should be without. Amr Zaky graciously agreed to coordinate local arrangements yet again, and again came through, along with his crew of Bob Lashley, Dave Gallaher, and Al Alcorn. Cynthia Garb, as our publicity chair, was responsible for the new look of our logo. I would also thank Lily Jow, the holder and manager of the checkbook, David Moberly, publications chair and responsible for our CD, Richard Karpinski as registration chair, Hasan Alkhatib, general chair of Hot Interconnects, and the team of At Large committee members for providing reminding, cajoling, advice, and the ever-important institutional memory: Bob Stewart, Cary Kornfeld, Martin Freeman, Alan Smith, and Art Sorkin.

Finally, of course, I thank you, our attendees, for really making all this possible.

Allen J. Baum
General Chair