

Preface

This volume of the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series contains the set of papers accepted for presentation at the 5th International Workshop on Quality of future Internet Services (QofIS 2004) and at the two one-day workshops co-located with QofIS 2004, namely the 1st International Workshop on QoS Routing (WQoS SR 2004) and the 4th International Workshop on Internet Charging and QoS Technology (ICQT 2004).

QofIS 2004, the fifth international event, was organized under the umbrella of the E-NEXT Network of Excellence on “Emerging Networking Experiments and Technologies”, which started its activities in January 2004. QofIS 2004 took place on September 29–30, 2004 at the Telefónica premises in Barcelona, and was arranged by the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). QofIS 2004 in Barcelona followed the highly successful workshops in Stockholm in 2003, Zürich in 2002, Coimbra in 2001, and Berlin in 2000. The purpose of QofIS 2004, as of all QofIS events, was to present and discuss design and implementation techniques for providing quality of service in the Internet.

The impact of emerging terminals, mobility and embedded systems is creating a new environment where networks are ambient. New challenges are opened by this new space where networks of interest ranging from personal networks to large-scale application networks need to be designed and often integrated. Protocol mechanisms for supporting quality of service at the different layers of the networks need to be assessed and eventually redesigned in such environments. In this context, the focus of the QofIS 2004 workshop was on the provisioning of *Quality of Service in the Emerging Networking Panorama*, assessed by results of experiments carried out in simulation platforms and test-beds, and given the progressive irruption of optical technologies.

QofIS 2004 contributed to this LNCS volume with 22 research papers selected from the 91 submissions received by the workshop, which address specific problems of quality-of-service provisioning in the fields of Internet applications, such as P2P and VoIP; service differentiation and congestion control; traffic engineering and routing; wireless LAN, ad hoc and sensor networks; and mobility in general. According to this, the workshop was organized in five sessions and featured two invited talks, by Prof. Ian F. Akyildiz of the Georgia Institute of Technology (USA) and Prof. David Hutchison of the University of Lancaster (UK), and was closed with a panel session, “New Face for QoS”, featuring QofIS 2004 invited speakers and leaders of FP6 Networks of Excellence in networking and QoS provisioning.

August, 2004

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Josep Solé-Pareta
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The 1st Workshop on Quality of Service Routing was motivated by the growing number of contributions on this topic within the papers submitted to previous QoSIS editions. We thought it would be worth having a set of sessions focused on QoS routing aspects and we decided to organize it as a co-located workshop within QoSIS.

Quality of service routing poses several challenges that must be addressed to enable the support of advanced services in the Internet, both at intra- and inter-domain levels. The challenges of QoS routing are related to the distribution of routing information and to path selection and setup throughout the network. Extensive research has been carried out on QoS routing in the past few years. New frontiers are opening up to QoS routing such as the introduction of QoS routing in ad hoc, wireless multihop, sensor and self-organized networks, in content delivery networks and in optical technologies.

The purpose of this workshop was to summarize current research in QoS routing, describing experimental and theoretical studies, and to point out new research directions leading to *Smart Routing*. We were glad to see that 28 papers were submitted to the workshop, with authors from 15 different countries and covering a wide range of topics focused on QoS routing. After the reviewing process, 8 papers were selected, those that are included in this LNCS volume. The final WQoS SR 2004 program was structured in two technical sessions, respectively devoted to Algorithms and Scalability issues and to Novel Ideas and Protocol Enhancements, and an invited talk given by Prof. Ariel Orda from the Technion at Haifa (Israel).

We hope the reading of these selected papers might be appealing and stimulating for the research community and that this workshop will be continued in the future.

August, 2004


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The International Workshop on Internet Charging and QoS Technology (ICQT 2004) was the fourth event in a series of very successful annual workshops on network economics and Internet charging mechanisms. After establishing ICQT in 2001 in Vienna, Austria, the workshop was co-located once before with QoSIS in 2002 in Zürich, Switzerland. The 2003 workshop took place in Munich together with NGC 2003. In 2004, ICQT was again co-located with QoSIS and provided further vivid proof of the stimulating interdisciplinary combination of economics and networking technology, which has made these workshops a success story.

As in previous years, ICQT 2004 received more than 20 submissions from 14 different countries. Our enthusiastic Technical Program Committee managed to provide between 3 and 5 reviews per paper. Eventually, 8 papers were selected for the final program and arranged to form sessions on Auctions and Game Theory,

Charging in Mobile Networks, and QoS Provisioning and Monitoring. Together with the traditional invited lecture, this program presented a broad view on current research work in the interesting area where economy meets technology, where theory meets application, and where “*QoS has its price*”, as is stated in the title of ICQT 2004.

August, 2004



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QofIS 2004 was organized by the Advanced Broadband Communications Centre (CCABA) of UPC, the Technical University of Catalonia (Spain). The CCABA (<http://www.ccaba.upc.es>) is a multidisciplinary laboratory composed of researchers from both the Computer Architecture Dept. and the Signal Theory and Communications Dept. of the UPC.

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