

Preface

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Denver, Colorado, and to the 12th International Conference on Smart Homes and Health Telematics – ICOST 2014. This year the ICOST program offered exciting and high-quality sessions, including six technical sessions, a poster session, three keynotes from highly recognized researchers and visionary leaders in the industry in addition to two panels.

In addition to the technical program, an exciting social program was planned for all registrants. A welcome reception followed by a Gala Dinner kick-started our social program at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on June 25. An evening of entertainment was also planned at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, downtown Denver. Together, we enjoyed a sneak peek into the rehearsal process conducted by the Phamaly Theatre Company, as well as enjoyed musical pieces from the popular musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Putting together ICOST 2014 was a team effort. We would like to first thank the authors for submitting their best work and providing the content of the program in terms of papers and posters. We would also like to thank the panelists and the three keynote speakers for their contributions. We are grateful to the Organizing Committee and its dedication in making ICOST 2014 a success. Mounir Mokhtari provided invaluable guidance which was very helpful throughout the process. Tao Gu did a great job in assembling a world-class Program Committee for soliciting and reviewing the papers. Carl Chang did a great job guiding the process of forming the two panels in the program. Bessam Abdulrazzak did a great job with the conference publicity and for that we are very grateful. We also thank Elizabeth Woodruff for helping in many administrative and local arrangement issues.

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We wish you all a pleasant stay in Denver, and a memorable and rich experience in ICOST.

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