## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear Participants,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to DISC 2012 and the city of Salvador.

In this site you will find information on all activities related to DISC 2012: paper and keynote presentations, business meeting, tutorials, a workshop, and social events. The schedule for the activities was organized to allow DISC's participants to attend as many activities as possible, avoiding parallel events.

The activities related to DISC 2012 start with tutorials and a welcome reception in the university campus. The DISC main track (paper presentation and keynotes) and the Workshop on Advances on Distributed Graph Algorithms take place in the following days at the Pestana hotel.

The technical activity of DISC is complemented by a carefully planned social event that includes a tour along the historic center of Salvador, followed by the conference banquet. With these social events we hope to provide attendees with a broad view of Salvador old town, the first Brazilian capital, and one of the oldest cities in the Americas.

DISC 2012 was organized by the Distributed Systems Laboratory (LaSiD) at UFBA. Organizing a traditional event such as DISC would not be possible without the committed work of many people and the support of several institutions. We are grateful to the volunteering work of our colleagues of the organizing committee and student team, as well as the staff of LaSiD. Working with these people was a valuable and truly rewarding experience.

The financial support from CAPES (Brazilian Agency for Higher Education) was vital for the success of this event. We also acknowledge the financial support from Microsoft Research and institutional support from SBC (Brazilian Computer Society), EATCS (European Association for Theoretical Computer Science), and Federal University of Bahia.

Finally, we thank the DISC Steering Committee (SC) for having given us the opportunity to organize DISC 2012. Working with the SC as well as with the Program Chair, Marcos K. Aguilera, was indeed extremely gratifying.

We wish you all the best during the symposium, and hope that you will have time during your visit to explore and enjoy our city.



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