

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests!

The CONFENIS'2009 is over. The closing ceremony is to give a brief overview about the work has been done during the previous year, summarizing the results, and even to thank all the participants playing different roles before and during the conference.

First let me give you some details about the organizing process.

- 1 year ago we started the work with applying to the relevant IFIP boards → WG 8.9, TC8, IFIP Executive Board for getting the permission,
- After having the agreement we started to prepare and share the call for papers on different forums: professional journals, conferences, emails, newsletters of associations and computer societies, members of TCs and WGs
- We prepared the conference website in order to inform the potential participants
- We deployed the CMS system
- We invited the acknowledged professionals to cooperate in organizing the conference and reviewing papers → invitation to IPC, OC
- We were in continuous connection with both the inquiring professionals and the registered participants
- We managed the reviewing process
- organized and performed the conference
- designed and have made a special trophy for awarding and have founded a challenge trophy of the CONFENIS conferences

Some statistical data in figures:

- There were altogether 100 registered participants listed by the CMS system
- The participants registered themselves from 22 different countries, represented all continents
- The number of the effective participated professionals is 73
- We have 78 registered papers full and short ones,
- All papers were reviewed at least by two reviewers 61 were accepted from that 12 with revision, and 17 were rejected
- We invited 5 plenary speakers from 5 different countries
- The conference had altogether 12 sessions, and a special track organized by GIKOF, the special community of JvN CS
- The Awarding Committee of the CONFENIS'2009 decided to award 3 papers that hev got the best reviewer's qualification and also that have been excellent presented. The awards have been handed over by professor Gerhard Chroust, chair of the CONFENIS Awarding Committee
- The best paper Award of the OGIK track has been given by professor Peter Dobay, chair of the OGIK Awarding Committee
- There were published a special edition of SEFBIS Journal with the plenary papers and some very good papers (all the participants have got this volume)
- We published the extended abstracts in the program book of the conference and the papers on CD
- The IPC had 37 members, and the OC had 21 members

Beside the results we do not want to hide the problematical and uncertain issues of the organizing process. Thus it was very difficult to gather the email addresses of the potential participant, to get in contact with the appropriate person in order to publish our advertisement, to force both the authors and the collaborators to keep the deadlines performing the different tasks (for example: sending the papers, camera ready versions, reviewing results etc.). But anyway, finally we succeeded in performing all our

tasks on time. To our great regret the chair of TC8 WG 8.9 did not take part on the only official conference of this WG although he was in Gyor at that time.

The Closing ceremony is a good occasion to express our thanks and acknowledge for those who were kind to except the invitation for doing that work and cooperated with the hosting institutes.

- Many thanks for all the leaders of the IFIP TC8, WG 8.9, the hosting institutes: JvN CS, Szechenyi University and the GIKOF special community who gave professional and also financial support
- Thanks for the help of the sponsors: the Guidance Ltd. for designing and realizing the nice face of Confenis'2009, the Foundation Alexander, the Szintézis Consulting Ltd., the Variatech Consulting Ltd. and Processorg'82 Ltd.
- Special thank to the invited speakers for accepting our invitation and gave us interesting aspect of the ERP-applications: both of success and barriers. Namely thank to Paul Hawking (Australia), Gerhard Chroust (Austria), Radhika Santhanam (USA), Charles Hughes (United Kingdom) and Sandor Seres (Hungary)
- Thanks for the authors for sending their scientific papers to the conference and for presenting them here in conference sessions generating interesting discussions
- Grateful thank to the IPC members and the reviewers, the session chairs who took care and spent their valuable time on ensuring the high level of the conference
- Thank all participants for coming and giving possibility to meet and get together in a very good professional and also friendly company.
- Many thanks the lot of work of all organizers, and my deep acknowledge to Petra DOBROSSY, who tried to help all the potential and effective participants during this organizing process, Ferenc TOTH, who managed and performed the face of the conference, Tamas HORVATH, who invested a lot of time and work to arrange all the papers in a unique form, and implemented them in a nice frame onto CD, Aniko KIRÁLY, who announced lovely our ceremonial programs. And last but not least to my husband, Sandor RAFFAI for the wonderful photos, that mirrors the atmosphere of all professional and social events, and also for his help having given during the last year on any other ways.
- Thanks the Hotel Famulus for giving professional frame of accommodation for the conference,
- and last but not least many-many thanks all of my excellent students, who helped us to arrange this conference without, any shock!

After expressing my warmest acknowledge to all of the collaborators and participants, I thank you for coming and I wish you a pleasant arriving home. The CONFENIS'2009 conference is officially closed, and I have only one nice task left, to hand the challenge trophy of the conference over to the next organizer, to Rogerio Atem de CARVALHO, the colleague from Brazil, and wish him a successful conference in 2010 in Natal. See all of you in Brazil next year!

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