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Message from the ICFEC 2020 Chairs

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Dear reader,

The research community has been affected by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the full extent of which currently remains unknown. Many of our colleagues and their families have been affected and we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt sympathies for them.

Putting together these proceedings has not been easy as we are getting accustomed to new ways of working and out of necessity have had to break away from common practice. We examined options of a virtual meeting and a short delay by a few months. But the conference participants are from wide-spread time zones and the situation appears to be changing too fast to make stable plans for safe international travel and meeting this year. In conjunction with the IEEE/ACM CCGrid conference we have decided to merge the ICFEC 2020 in-person conference into the ICFEC 2021 conference, where authors of papers published in these proceedings will have a chance to present their work. The ICFEC 2020/2021 conference will continue to be held in Melbourne and co-located with the CCGrid conference in May 2021. However, the ICFEC 2020 proceedings are being published online as planned, at the present time, to ensure that the research gets recognized in a timely manner.

It gives us immense pleasure in presenting this special proceeding that is unique in that it took shape during unprecedented times and are being published a year before they will be presented to the conference audience.

We solicited original research contributions that address system software and application-oriented challenges in Fog and Edge computing. A total of 18 submissions were received from authors in 13 different countries across two rounds, an early submission and a regular submission, a new model that ICFEC started last year. We thank the authors for the excellent submissions received.

Although the proceeding was compiled during these challenging times, the quality of the review process was not compromised. The Technical Program Committee with 43 members rigorously reviewed the submissions in an efficient manner by early March 2020. Our special thanks to the reviewers for their voluntary contributions. Eight full papers and one short paper were selected to be published in this proceeding. We also extend our thanks and appreciate the support received from the organizers of the CCGrid conference.

We trust that you will enjoy this proceeding and find them profitable.

Yours sincerely,
Blesson and Yogesh