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Preface

Welcome to the Sixth International Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work in Design (CSCWD 2001).

Design of complex artifacts and systems requires the cooperation of multidisciplinary design teams. CSCWD 2001 provides a forum for researchers and practitioners involved in different but related domains to confront research results and discuss key problems. The major topics of CSCWD 2001 include the following:

- Techniques, methods, and tools for CSCW in design;
- Social organization of the CSC process;
- Integration of methods and tools within the work organization;
- Cooperation in virtual enterprises and e-businesses
- CSCW in Design and Manufacturing
- Interaction between the CSC approach and knowledge reuse as found in knowledge management;
- Intelligent agent and multi-agent systems;
- Internet/Web and CSCW in design;
- Applications and testbeds.

The Technical Program Committee has developed an exciting and provocative technical program that includes 29 technical sessions (contributed and invited), with papers from over 18 countries.

We would like to thank all members of the Program Committee for their effort in promoting the conference and carefully reviewing the submitted papers. Special thanks are due to the authors who contributed to this conference.

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