Greetings from the General Chair

Welcome to the 8th International Conference on Partitioned Global Address Space Programming Models (*PGAS 2014*).   Since its first meeting in 2005, the PGAS Programming Models conference has been dedicated to the presentation and discussion of leading work in the field and is well-known for bringing together active researchers, dedicated practitioners, and lively participants to share their experiences and advance the state of knowledge and art in PGAS software and systems.   *PGAS 2014* continues in its strong tradition providing an exceptional technical program, thought-provoking keynote addresses, interesting tutorial and user group meetings, poster presentations, and plenty of opportunities for social interaction.   This year the conference is taking place in beautiful Eugene, Oregon, the "Emerald City" of the Willamette Valley and the home of the University of Oregon.   It is my pleasure to serve as the General Chair for *PGAS 2014* and I hope that you will find the meeting to be a rich and rewarding experience.

The success of *PGAS 2014* is the result of an outstanding team of people.   The Steering Committee (Lauren Smith, Tarek El-Ghazawi, Bill Carlson, Kathy Yelick) provided valuable guidance and thoughtful oversight during the conference planning process.   The hard work of the Program Committee, chaired by Jeff Hammond, delivered an excellent technical program and I sincerely appreciate the committee's dedicated and professional efforts in paper reviewing.   I especially want to thank the Organizing Committee who brought important skills, positive energy, and good humor throughout the endeavor.   The outstanding work by Sameer Shende in his role as the Local Arrangement Chair touched all aspects of the conference operations.   His organizational leadership and dedication to the success of *PGAS* was remarkable. Wyatt Spear is to thank for the conference's online presence as the Web Chair and he provided technical and graphical skills in the production of the conference materials.   Business administration and financial accounting were placed in the competent hands of Charlotte Wise.   Her attention to details was invaluable and we should all give her a big "Thank You!" for her efforts.

The *PGAS 2014* conference is sincerely grateful for the generous financial contributions of our corporate supporters from Intel, NVIDIA, Mellanox, and ParaTools, Inc. We are honored that they recognize the value of the *PGAS* mission and their assistance will translate directly to providing a productive and enjoyable conference environment for everyone.   We are also proud to host the *PGAS* conference in cooperation with the ACM, ICPS, and SIGHPC.

I hope that *PGAS 2014* will be a stimulating and productive meeting where you can engage technically and socially with other researchers, colleagues, and friends from around the world.

Allen D. Malony
General Chair
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