

## **Welcome from the General Co-Chairs**

The entire organizing committee welcome you to Barcelona. It is our pleasure to be hosting the 2009 IEEE 69<sup>th</sup> Vehicular Technology Conference for the first time in Spain, drawing scientific experts in academia and industry from all over the world.

The aim of this conference is to provide a forum of researches and technologists from academia and industry to present new ideas and contributions in the form of technical papers, panel discussions and tutorials, as well as to contribute to ease and extend the participant's relationship for fruitful future cooperation activities.

Barcelona is a well known city located in north east of Spain and the capital of Catalonia. The city has charming streets, and is full of life where you will find a combination of culture, cuisine, art and architecture. The old town is famed for its historical monuments, narrow streets and bohemian atmosphere. The city also has the biggest selection of modernist architecture; most of these buildings are in the Eixample district which constitutes a unique model of European urban planning. Barcelona is the only European capital with over four kilometres of beaches where you can enjoy the most modern amenities and these beaches are not far from Barcelona's historical landmarks, and they have opened up our modern and cosmopolitan city to the sea.

Our committee has worked hard to put together an excellent technical program we wish you can share with a social program that introduces you to the friendly and welcoming people of Barcelona. Last but not least, our special thanks also go to Fundación Vodafone, our platinum sponsor, for their strong and keen support.

We wish warm welcome to Barcelona and to the VTC 2009-Spring conference

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