



**SWIM: Lectures by Masters in Speech Processing  
January 12 - 14, 2004, Maui, Hawaii**

**Chair's Message**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome each of you to hear nine pioneers who have collectively shaped the field of speech processing. You will agree with me that each one of these nine lectures will be with us for the rest of our lives. I am looking forward to the comments, anecdotes, and other information about these folks during their introductions by nine colleagues who have volunteered to share their experiences with us.

I am humbled by your enthusiastic responses and support in this endeavor and genuinely thankful bringing your coveted work to Maui to share it with us.

The workshop encompasses 47 technical presentations in four sessions as outlined in this booklet and our website: <http://dspincars.sdsu.edu/swim>.

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I would like to thank members of our Organizing Committee who have all contributed significantly to this effort. However, I would like to give my heartfelt appreciation to a special member, among these friends and colleagues: Professor Kazuya Takeda. Takeda-san, thank you.

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Finally, please join me to thank Itakura-Sensei for asking me to put together this unique event and to celebrate his retirement at the end of March from Nagoya University.

I will always cherish your friendship.

Arrigato Gozaimas and Sayanora Fumitada.

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