

First and foremost I commend our General Chair for bringing to North-America, Canada and in particular our City of Fredericton the International Telework Academy. Entrusting me with the Technical Chairmanship this year emerged from the fortunate timing of establishing the Adaptive Risk Management Laboratory under my leadership at The University of New Brunswick (which I joined in 2005) and the need to bring in the Risk Management via eNetworks 'spice' required by this year's logo (eNetworks in an Increasingly Volatile World).

Going through the review of high quality papers brought me to highly appreciate the novelty and ingenuity of this visionary, avant-garde 'boutique' international community positioned at the confluence of several emerging streams of thought that have high potential to strongly impact our future. Through my involvement in this year's event I came to a shift in perspective about research direction and significance. As an engineer and technology developer I am ready to shift away from my eternal 'romance' with technology in favor of the design ingredients of eNetworks which fuel the quality of our lives. I learned (while we expect them to strengthen our safety) eNetworks make the world more vulnerable, that quality of life may be measured in less usage a digital gadget and that workplace design is crucial in stimulating creativity and productivity.

My highest appreciation goes to the ITA community for lighting up those hidden corners of our lives missed by high-tech's too narrow focused flashlight!

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