

# Letter from the SIGecom Executive Committee

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It's an honor for us to serve as the SIGecom Executive Committee. As the incoming leadership team, we began our term with a deep appreciation for the strong and diverse community that has grown around the intersections of economics and computation. Our goals are to support the SIG's continued growth while emphasizing interdisciplinary engagement, recognition of impact, community involvement, and encouraging diversity across a range of dimensions.

Our flagship event, the ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC), continues to grow and thrive. EC'24 was hosted at Yale University this past summer and marked the 25th anniversary of the conference. With 848 submissions and 204 accepted papers, EC'24 broke all previous records.<sup>1</sup> The conference featured outstanding work across theory, empirics, and applications. We are grateful to General Chair Dirk Bergemann, PC Chairs Bobby Kleinberg and Daniela Saban, and the many organizers and volunteers who helped make EC'24 a success. The conference was accompanied by a robust workshop program, a special session on highlights beyond EC, along with a virtual preview week that featured the annual mentoring workshop and many high-quality tutorials.

The continuing growth of EC was especially apparent in the EC'24 town hall, which was a lively event with participants from many different backgrounds. This growth is exciting but also comes with challenges. The large number of submitted papers raises questions about both the reviewing process and the length and size of the conference. We are in continuing conversations with each year's organizers to consider how to deal with these challenges. As always, we invite you to reach out to us with any thoughts—EC is your conference and we want it to be as successful and enriching as possible!

The SIGecom Winter Meetings have continued to grow into a vibrant forum for focused discussions. The 2024 meeting, co-organized by Sigal Oren and Ran Shorrer, centered on Behavioral Models and brought together economists and computer scientists to explore models of behavioral agents in economic environments. The 2025 meeting, co-organized by Renato Paes Leme and James Wright, focused on Market

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<sup>1</sup>Editors' Note: This letter was prepared just prior to EC 2025.



Fig. 1. The EC'24 town hall meeting.

Design and Generative AI. Through a combination of invited speakers, contributed talks, and a fireside chat, it explored research ideas and cross-disciplinary topics in this exciting and developing domain.

Internally, we've put particular focus toward improving continuity and support for the many invaluable volunteers who help run SIGecom events and activities. One major effort is documenting best practices and institutional knowledge for all major SIGecom roles. While still in development, these expanded “how-to” documents are already helping incoming organizers build on their predecessors' work.

This year also marks the formal establishment of a SIGecom Communications Committee, tasked with supporting our online presence and community outreach. The committee is chaired by Yang Cai, with Kira Goldner serving as Social Media Lead and Jinzhao Wu as Technical Lead. We are excited about this team's energy and ideas, and look forward to expanded communications across multiple platforms. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to Yannai Gonczarowski, who served as Information Director with dedication and creativity over the past several years, and helped lay the foundation for this new team.

Looking ahead, we are forming a Fundraising Committee to make the process of seeking and managing institutional sponsorships more organized and sustainable. Our goal is to ensure smoother transitions, better documentation, and stronger institutional memory in this crucial area. We hope in particular to foster long-term relationships with industrial partners that can help with the financial health of EC and the rest of our activities.

We'd like to take this opportunity to reinforce our ongoing call for Special Initiative proposals. SIGecom has annual discretionary funding available to support

community-building efforts such as mentoring programs, inclusion efforts, and other pilot events. Past initiatives have included the annual EC Mentoring Workshop, EC childcare support funding, and the SIGecom Winter Meetings. We encourage members to propose creative new initiatives that further SIGecom’s mission.

We are deeply grateful to the outgoing Executive Committee—Nicole Immorlica, Scott Kominers, and Katrina Ligett—for their outstanding service over the previous term. They navigated the SIG through the challenges of the pandemic and helped strengthen our community through initiatives in diversity, communication, and hybrid engagement. Their leadership left the SIG stronger, more connected, and better prepared for the future.

We’re also thankful for the many volunteers who contribute to SIGecom’s success in both visible and behind-the-scenes roles. The SIG could not function without you! As always, we invite members of our community to get involved. Whether you’re interested in organizing an event, submitting a nomination for one of our awards, launching a special initiative, or serving in a formal role, we welcome your participation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.