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He was the organiser and chair of the 1st international workshop on computational P2P networks (ComP2P 2008) sponsored by IARIA. The workshop was a very successful event and it attracted a number of high quality papers with an acceptance rate well on par with well known and established conferences. Following this success, Nick and Prof Antonio Liotta developed the 1st international conference on advances in P2P systems (AP2PS 2009) that run in Malta in October 2009. The conference received in excess of 130 paper submissions and as the workshop before it was a high quality event with a very low acceptance rate. The conference was enthusiastically attended and a number of key ideas for further development were identified. The conference is running again in October 2010 and the expectation is that AP2PS will quickly become a well respected and established venue for publishing state-of-the-art research in the ever expanding field of P2P computing.