We are delighted to welcome you to ASONAM 2014: The International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining held this summer in Beijing, China.

ASONAM 2014 continues the great successes of the previous ASONAM conferences: Niagara, Ontario, Canada (August, 2013), Istanbul, Turkey (August, 2012); Kaohsiung, Taiwan (July, 2011); Odense, Denmark (August, 2010); and Athens, Greece (July, 2009).

These conferences have provided lively opportunities to meet fellow researchers and practitioners from a broad range of social networks, analysis and mining fields. The conferences have fostered new exchanges of research ideas and practices. Our aim for ASONAM 2014 is to further these important collaborations.

Three keynote speakers have accepted invitations to share their work at ASONAM 2014. Also, Prof. B. Szymanski from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has accepted the invitation to be the moderator for a panel discussing the influence of social networking and analysis on electronic communication.

We are delighted to present this strong group of invited speakers and panelists who will provoke, enliven and further the research and implementation of social network analyses and mining at ASONAM 2014 and beyond.

The success of ASONAM 2014 depends mainly on the people and organizations that support the conference. We thank all of the volunteers who helped organize this conference. In particular, we thank the Program Chairs, Xindong Wu, Martin Ester and Guandong Xu who together with the Program Committee, created a great technical program.

In addition, we thank Industry Track Co-Chairs: Xueqi Cheng, Daniel Zeng and Jie Gao; Local Arrangements Chairs: Yuxiao Li, Lei LiHefei, Tiejian Luo, Bin Zhou; Workshops Chairs: Wolfgan Nejd, Jie Tang, Bettina Berendt; Tutorial Chairs: V. S. Subrahmanian, Meng Wang, Carson Leung; Panels Chairs: Alvin Chin, Jing Xu, Hiroyuki Kitagawa; Demos Chairs: Tansel Ozyer, Wei Wang; Registration Chair: Qingshun Meng; Finance Chairs: Reda Alhajj, Lu Xu; Publication Chairs: Xiaohui (Daniel) Tao, Min-Yuh Day; Web Chair: Zhiang Wu.

The conference would not be possible without sponsor support. The conference is organized in collaboration with the IEEE Computer Society and ACM SIGMOD.

The ASONAM conference series will continue next year with ASONAM 2015 to be held in Europe. We hope to meet you all again!

We trust that you will enjoy the conference and your visit to Beijing and China.

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