Message from FOSINT-SI 2014 Chairs

The International Symposium on Foundations of Open Source Intelligence and Security Informatics (FOSINT-SI 2014, Beijing, China, 18-19 August 2014) provides a unique international forum for academic researchers, government professionals and industrial practitioners to socialize, share their ideas, and exchange their data, knowledge, and expertise. Terrorism and crime threaten the international community and our society more than ever before. Criminal networks and terrorist groups that often operate globally try to hide their illegal activities by using advanced information and communications technology. They communicate easier and form global communities that are hard to track. Fortunately, resources like social media, event logs, phone call logs, web logs, and other time series data, constitute a rich source for knowledge discovery. There is a serious need for innovative techniques and tools capable of achieving the ultimate goal of early warning to help detecting, identifying and neutralizing the source of a threat. Motivated by this need with high social impact, research related to open source intelligence and security informatics is gaining momentum in academia, industry, law enforcement and intelligence agencies. Developing effective knowledge discovery methods, techniques and tools to combat crime and terrorism requires coordinated and intensified collaborations across these communities. After careful review of all submitted papers by the Technical Program Committee members, about 11 papers were finally accepted.

Special thanks to the conference organizers and the FOSINT-SI 2014 organizing committee. Many months of hard work go into organizing such an event and coordinating multiple complex tasks with busy people residing in different parts of the world. We also express our sincere gratitude to the numerous reviewers, whose work has provided the foundation of the success of this symposium.

We look forward to seeing you in Beijing this summer,

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