Welcome from the ASONAM 2016 Program Chairs

On behalf of the members of the organizing committee and members of the technical program committee we welcome you to ASONAM 2016.

The ASONAM conference series bring together researchers from around the world to share the latest advances in the emerging and attractive field of Social Networks Analysis and Mining. The conference was initiated in 2009 at the Hellenic American University, Athens. ASONAM 2010 was held at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark followed by next editions at National University of Kaohsiung (Taiwan), Istanbul (Turkey), Niagara Falls (Canada), Beijing (China), and Paris (France).

This year, we received over 300 submissions for the main conference. Each paper was reviewed by at least three program committee members who provided detailed and thorough reviews that helped us to finalize the decisions. We thank all the PC members and the external reviewers for their hard work. After a discussion phase, we selected 44 submissions as full papers (acceptance rate ~13%), 41 submissions as short papers (acceptance rate ~12%), and 15 submissions as posters. Full and short papers were allocated 30 and 20 minutes oral presentation slots in the program; poster papers were assigned into a poster madness session.

In addition to the accepted papers, the main conference includes keynote speeches by Dr. Lada Adamic (Facebook), Prof. Lise Getoor (University of California, UC Santa Cruz), Prof. Evimaria Terzi (Boston University), and Prof. Brian Uzzi (Northwestern University). Three tutorials have been selected for presentation during the first day: Evolutionary Computation for Community Detection in Complex Networks, Clara Pizzuti (ICAR); Introduction to Social Media Network Analysis with NodeXL, Marc A. Smith (Social Media Research Foundation) and Harald Meier (Digital Space Lab); and Identifying Malicious Actors on Social Media, Srijan Kumar (University of Maryland), Francesca Spezzano (Boise State University), and V. S. Subrahmanian (University of Maryland). Finally, we will have a panel on the role of Social Network Analysis for Social Good. We thank the panel moderator Prof. V. S. Subrahmanian and the panelists.

Besides the main conference program, the four-day ASONAM event consists of seven workshops. There are also three co-located events, the International Symposium on Foundation of Open Source Intelligence and Security Informatics (FOSINT-SI 2016), the International Symposium on Network Enabled Health Informatics, Biomedicine and Bioinformatics (HI-BI-BI 2016), and International Symposium on Foundations and Applications of Big Data Analytics (FAB 2016).

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