Message from WEDA Organizing Committee

A warm welcome to the COMPSAC Symposium on Web Technologies & Data Analytics (WEDA) 2015. WEDA Symposium is an integral part of the IEEE COMPSAC main conference. Organized as the Web Technologies Track so far, it will be held as a symposium for the first time in 2015 and every year afterwards. Annually following the theme of the COMPSAC main conference, WEDA uniquely positions itself to be a forum for both researchers and practitioners to discern emerging and genuinely challenging issues in Web Technologies & Data Analytics, and brainstorm about robust solution strategies as well as advocate novel applications. WEDA invites researchers and practitioners to present recent findings, innovations, theories, experiences, and ideas in all topics related to Web and linked data. Technical contributions accepted by WEDA will likely cover the systems and services enabled by the Web, underlying technologies, and big data. The goal of WEDA is to deepen the understanding of, fostering innovation in, and defining the future of Web-based systems, Web services, Semantic Web technologies, linked data and concomitant big data analytics.

This year WEDA received 28 full submissions. Following the tradition of past COMPSAC conferences, each submission underwent a rigorous double-blind review process by at least 3 reviewers and was discussed by the conference and symposium chairs during the PC meeting, which took place in Shanghai, in March 2015. As the result of the process, we accepted 5 of the submissions (17.9%) as regular papers and 2 of the submissions (7.1%) as short papers for inclusion into this year’s COMPSAC proceedings, published by IEEE CS.

The success of a symposium like WEDA always depends on the quality of submitted papers, the expertise of the participating program committee members, reviewers, and the engagement of all colleagues involved in the organization of the conference in COMPSAC. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the authors, who submitted their valuable research results to the symposium, the symposium chairs, who diligently oversaw the paper review process, and the members of the Program Committee and external reviewers whose dedicated and expert review is the foundation of the rich program assembled for WEDA 2015. We deeply appreciate the invaluable help of Atilla Elci, Standing Committee Rep of WEDA who is truly the backbone of the symposium. Special thanks are extended to Hong Mei (General Chair of WEDA 2015), Jeff Z. Pan (Steering Chair of WEDA 2015), Gang Huang, Ivica Crnkovic and Pao-Ann Hsiung (COMPSAC 2015 Program Chairs-in-Chief) for their ongoing support and contributions.

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