Intelligence and Security Informatics (ISI) is an interdisciplinary field of research that focuses on the development, use, and evaluation of advanced information technologies, including methodologies, models and algorithms, systems, and tools, for local, national, and international security related applications. Over the past ten years, the ISI research community has matured and delivered an impressive array of research results that are both technically innovative and practically relevant.

An important ISI community building mechanism has been academic conferences. The annual ISI conference series (http://www.isiconference.org) was first started in Tucson, Arizona in 2003 and 2004. With sponsorship by the IEEE Intelligent Transportation System Society, ISI 2005, ISI 2006, ISI 2007, ISI 2008, ISI 2009, ISI 2010, ISI 2011, and ISI 2012 were held in Atlanta, Georgia; San Diego, California; New Brunswick, New Jersey; Taipei, Taiwan; Dallas, Texas; Vancouver, Canada; Beijing, China; and Washington, D.C., respectively. These conferences have provided stimulating forums to gather people from previously disparate communities including those from academia, government, and industry. Regional ISI conferences such as the European ISI Conference and Pacific Asia ISI (PAISI) workshop series have also attracted a lot of audience and made an impact.

The 2012 European ISI Conference (EISIC 2012) is the third ISI conference organized by the European ISI community. The first one, branded as EuroISI, was held in 2008 in Denmark. The second meeting, EISIC 2011, was held in 2011 in Athens, Greece. The European ISI conference series is positioned as the premier technical conference on counterterrorism and computational criminology in Europe. EISIC 2012 is co-sponsored by University of Southern Denmark, Hellenic American University, and University of Arizona. It has also received technical co-sponsorship from the IEEE Computer Society and its technical committee on Security and Privacy. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to these sponsors.

EISIC 2012 received 70 submissions. The acceptance rate for regular papers is around 40%. The program committee is very pleased with the technical quality of the accepted papers. The three-day conference program includes paper presentation sessions, a poster session, a plenary panel, and the following two workshops focusing on timely and distinctive themes of ISI research with significant practical value: (1) The International Symposium on Open Source Intelligence and Web Mining 2012 (OSINT-WM 2012), organized by University of Southern Denmark and Hellenic American University; (2) The Workshop on Innovation in Border Control (WIBC 2012), organized by Frontex, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, and the University of Arizona.

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