EWSDN 2015 Welcome Message from the TPC and Demo Chairs

It has been our pleasure to chair the Technical Program Committee and the Demos for the fourth edition of EWSDN.

The European Workshop on Software Defined Networks appears to be in a transitional period. From a unique, trend-setting event, we are witnessing an exponential proliferation of SDN-related conferences, with multiple profiles and ambitions. The challenges EWSDN faces to retain its unique flavor have thus increased.

We are happy to see that our community has risen to the challenge, as this year’s program, which includes a diverse and comprehensive set of papers, posters, and demos, testifies. The prevalence of real demos in EWSDN is a distinct differentiating factor, as is the single-track, discussion-oriented nature of the program. EWSDN features 17 full-paper oral presentations, lightning talks introducing 6 short papers presented as posters, and 7 demonstrations, covering a range of topics from wireless to testing, and crossing the popular topics of service chaining and performance evaluation. We are sure they will trigger interesting discussions between all participants. It is of particular pleasure for us to see that, rising from its European-funded origin, the demonstrations today cover projects coming from different backgrounds. It is also encouraging for the unique flavor of EWSDN that all contributions, including posters and demos, had an acceptance ratio lower than 50%, showing the widespread support for this event. EWSDN is also complemented by tutorials from FELIX and UNIFY and the first ONOS Hackathon. We hope these events contribute to your enjoyment of the event.

The community interaction ambitions of EWSDN are supported by an interesting social program that the local hosts have organized for us. Use this social program as another opportunity to have a more relaxed approach to discuss the future of SDN, NFV, and softwarized networking while enjoying the renowned Basque hospitality.

A final word to our TPC members, who provided invaluable service to the community by reviewing all contributions. Each paper and demo received at least three peer reviews. The event could not take place without the effort of all these volunteers. And, of course, a word of thanks to all contributing authors: your work is the reason for this gathering, and we hope your expectations are fulfilled during these intense days.

Enjoy EWSDN 2015!

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