Welcome to IEEE ICWS 2018! IEEE ICWS 2018 is the 25th conference of the top-ranked international forum for researchers and practitioners in the area of Web Services. IEEE ICWS brings together a diverse community to share ideas, present exciting new research and experimental results, and discuss experiences in building some of the world’s most challenging systems for a very rapidly changing technology. The breadth of the area is reflected in the multiple thematic areas that were used to organize submissions including Services Composition, Services QoS Management, Services Security, Privacy and Trust, Services Applications, Big Data and Services.

Quality of accepted papers is the primary criteria for establishing a successful research track. We would like to thank the program committee for the amazing service that they provided to the community. Each paper was reviewed by at least three expert reviewers. We received 206 papers out of which 34 papers were accepted as regular papers leading to a highly competitive acceptance rate of around 16%. In addition, 34 papers were accepted as workshop papers and 14 as work-in-progress papers.

We appreciate the work and effort by the authors in preparing their submissions for review, considering and addressing the reviewers’ comments before submitting the camera-ready copies of their accepted papers, and attending the conference to present and discuss their work. The overall quality of submissions was very high and many difficult decisions had to be made to ensure our aim of providing the highest quality and as a community we can be proud of the work composing the final program of the regular paper track.

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