Welcome Message from WSSM 2012 Workshop Chair

Welcome to Melbourne and the first International Workshop on Web Services and Social Media (WSSM 2012), which is held in conjunction with the 15th International Conference on Network-Based Information Systems (NBiS 2012) in Melbourne, Australia from September 26 to September 28, 2012.

The World Wide Web was born over 20 years ago. Its primary aim was to give universal access to a large universe of documents. Currently, this aim is fully achieved. And with the advancement of Web services technology, people begin to use web as a tool for collaboration on business, artistic works, hobbies, social activities, and so on.

This international workshop encompasses a wide range of topics in the research, design, and implementation of Web related things, especially social activity on the Internet. It provides an international forum for researchers and participants to share and exchange their experiences, discuss challenges and present original ideas in all aspect of Web Services and Social Media.

We encouraged contributions describing innovative work on WSSM such as: Web Services, Web API, SNS, Social Media, Community Functions, Mobile Services, Location-Aware apps, eLearning Services, P2P Web apps, Web Mashups, Web Virtual Space, User-Generated Content, Consumer-Generated Media, Information Retrieval, XML, Data Mining, HTML5, CSS3, SOAP, UDDI, WSDL. For WSSM 2012, we accepted 8 papers, which will be presented in 2 sessions.

Many people contributed to the success of WSSM 2012. First, I would like to thank the organizing committee of NBiS 2012 International Conference for giving us the opportunity to organize the workshop. I would like to thank all authors for submitting their research works and for their participation.

Finally, I would like to thank the Local Arrangement Chairs for the local arrangement of the workshop.

I hope you will enjoy the workshop and have a great time in Melbourne, Australia.

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