Preface

This volume comprises the proceedings of the Sixth International Workshop on Semantic Media Adaptation and Personalization (SMAP 2011) held on 1-2 December 2011 in Vigo, the most densely populated city in north-western Spain. The workshop was organized by the Group of Research on Services for the Information Society, which is a working unit of the Department of Telematics Engineering and the AtlanTIC Research Center on Information and Communication Technologies of the University of Vigo.

The SMAP initiative was founded during the summer of 2006 in an effort to discuss the state of the art, recent advances and future perspectives for semantic media adaptation and personalization. Over the years, SMAP has become a reference event in a stable set of topics, which has nonetheless evolved to keep in step with the new challenges raised by such phenomena as the growth of multimedia contents available through different but converging networks and devices, or the change of user behaviours towards more social aspects. Furthermore, SMAP has succeeded in bringing together a very active research community that is enhanced year after year with new long-lasting contacts.

To a great extent, this success is due to the heavy involvement of the Steering Committee members in the organizational tasks, which ensures that the successive editions of SMAP do make up a coherent whole. This way, besides dealing with the local arrangements, we could focus on the goal of making SMAP known to more research groups all over the world. Probably, the greatest achievement in this regard was to have technical support from the IEEE CIS Semantic Web Task Force, which in turn served to ensure technical co-sponsorship from the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society. We are particularly indebted to the many members of these bodies who have joined the SMAP Technical Program Committee and given much valuable advice during the review process. Additionally, we have counted on the collaboration of AISTI, the Iberian Association for Information Systems and Technology, to spread the word about SMAP through their mailing lists of Spanish and Portuguese research groups.

With these collaborations, SMAP 2011 boasts a very interesting program of 14 papers contributed by authors from 10 different countries (Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and the United Kingdom), plus two invited talks contributed by Prof. Teresa Chambel from the University of Lisbon, winner of the best paper award in Euro iTV 2011 for her outstanding research on accessing multimedia contents through emotions, and Prof. Fernando Bobillo from the University of Zaragoza, member of the IEEE CIS Semantic Web Task Force and renowned expert in the area of reasoning with ontologies and fuzzy systems.

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