Foreword

This volume contains the papers presented at the joint conference LA-WEB/CLIHC 2009 on November 9–11, 2009, in Mérida, Yucatán, México. This was a single-track conference merging papers from two sister communities in Latin America, the Web technologies and the human-computer interaction people, sharing interest in common research areas. In its seventh edition, the Latin American Web Conference (LA-WEB) gathers theoreticians and practitioner in Web topics. The Latin American Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (CLIHC’09) has gradually become one of the largest international conferences in its field in the Latino American region with important attendance of scientists of the international scientific community. Short papers and posters appeared in a separate volume compiling contributions in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

We received 78 submissions and accepted 30 papers, yielding an accept rate of about 39%. Of those papers received 43 were reviewed by the CLICH program committee and 35 by the LA-WEB program committee. We received contributions from 12 countries from North and South America, Europe and Asia.

The scientific content of our conference is completed by two talks by renowned invited keynote speakers:

- Promoting Creative Design through Toolkits, Saul Greenberg, Department of Computer Science, University of Calgary, CANADA.
- Mining the Web 2.0 to Improve Search, Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Yahoo! Research, Spain and Latin America.

We thank authors for having chosen CLIHC and LA-Web for publishing excellent research results giving value to the book and sense to the work of all other people involved.

We thank the members of the joint program committee and additional reviewers for their hard work on selecting the best papers to be included in these proceedings. We also thank the conference staff and the members of the local organization committee, who carried out the great effort of preparation of the conference with professionalism and enthusiasm. The entire submission, reviewing, and selection process, was supported for free by the EasyChair system. We express our gratitude to its author Andrei Voronkov for his constant support and help. We deeply appreciate the patience and help of the IEEE staff, in particular Juan Guerrero, in editing this volume. Finally, we also thank our sponsors: UADY, UABC, CICESE, UMICH, UNIFOR and Regional Government of Baja California, Mexico, as well as our conference supporters: Yahoo! Research and the Sociedade Brasileira de Computacao.

We hope that the CLIHC’09 and LA-Web’09 proceedings will be fruitful for the scientific community.

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