

EI2N 2013 PC Co-Chairs Message

After the successful seventh edition in 2012, the eight edition of the Enterprise Integration, Interoperability and Networking workshop (EI2N'2013) has been organized as part of the OTM'2013 Federated Conferences in Graz, Austria. The workshop is co-sponsored by the IFAC Technical Committee 5.3 "Enterprise Integration and Networking" (main sponsor) and IFAC TC 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.2, 5.4 and 9.5, the IFIP TC 8 WG 8.1 "Design and Evaluation of Information Systems", the SIG INTEROP Grande-Région on "Enterprise Systems Interoperability", and the French CNRS National Research Group GDR MACS.

Today's rapidly evolving global economy has reiterated the urgent industrial need to achieve dynamic, efficient and effective cooperation of partner organizations within networks of larger enterprises. This requires innovations, which serve as the foundation for more productive and effective collaborative global partnerships, and in turn become the primary drivers for more sustainable businesses. In this information centric context, Enterprise Modelling Techniques, Next Generation Computing Architectures and Platforms along with Semantic Interoperability principles support the achievement of sustainable enterprise integration, interoperability and networking. Our 2013 EI2N workshop has been organized around these important themes.

We were impressed at the overall high quality papers received this year. After rigorous reviews by the international program committee, 8 papers have been accepted out of a total of 18 submissions to this workshop (which is an acceptance rate of 44%). Each of the submitted papers were evaluated by three members of our international program committee.

We have divided the workshop into four sessions. The first three sessions contain selected papers related to the following topics:

- Architectures and Platforms for Interoperability
- Engineering and Modelling
- Sustainable interoperability and interoperability for sustainability

The fourth session involves interactive discussions, which are an integral part of the workshop, focusing on the topic of "The Sensing Enterprise: the Future for the Collaborative Digital enterprise". The outcomes of these discussions are reported during a plenary session jointly organized with the CoopIS'2013 and the OTM Industry Case Studies Program 2013.

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