

Meta4eS 2013 PC Co-Chairs Message

The future eSociety - renamed "OnTheMoveSociety" in the context of Meta4eS - is an e-inclusive society based on the extensive use of digital technologies at all levels of interaction between its members. It is a society that evolves based on knowledge and that empowers individuals by creating virtual communities that benefit from social inclusion, access to information, enhanced interaction, participation and freedom of expression, among other.

In this context, the role of the World Wide Web in the way people and organizations exchange information and interact in the social cyberspace is crucial. Large amounts of structured data are being published and shared on the Web and a growing number of services and applications emerge from it. The applications must be designed in such a way to help people use their knowledge at best and generate new knowledge in return, while keeping intact their privacy and confidentiality. A current popular initiative adopted by a growing number of actors from transversal domains (e.g. governments, city municipalities, etc.) encourage publishing structured data (e.g. RDF) on the Web of Data. Managing such data in order to produce services and applications for end-user consumption is presently a big challenge. The final goal is to lower the barrier between end-users and information and communication technologies via a number of techniques stemming from the fields of multilingual information, information visualization, privacy and trust, rich multimedia retrieval, etc.

To discuss, demonstrate and share best practices, ideas and results, the 2nd International IFIP Workshop on Methods, Evaluation, Tools and Applications for the Creation and Consumption of Structured Data for the e-Society (Meta4eS 2013), an event supported by IFIP TC 12 WG 12.7 and the Open Semantic Cloud for Brussels project, brings together researchers, professionals and experts interested to present original research results in this area.

We are happy to announce that, for its second edition, the workshop raised interest and good participation in the research community. After a thorough review process, with each submission refereed by at least three members of the workshop Program Committee, we accepted 7 full papers and 6 poster and demo abstracts covering topics such as ontology engineering, multimedia annotation, natural language modeling, spatiotemporal linked open data, business process management, knowledge creation, extraction and sharing, social semantics, services, user profiling and usability testing, and applied to the fields of linked cities, cultural events, e-Health, building design and simulation.

We thank the PC members for their time and effort in ensuring the quality during the review process, as well as the authors and the workshop attendees for the original ideas and the inspiring discussions. We also thank the OTM 2013 Organizing Committee members for their support. We are confident that Meta4eS will bring an important contribution towards the future eSociety.

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