

SMS 2013 PC Co-Chairs Message

The SMS workshop 2013 on Social Media Semantics was held this year in the context of the OTM ("OnTheMove") federated conferences, covering different aspects of distributed information systems in September 2013 in Graz.

The topic of the workshop is about semantics in Social Media. The Social Web has become the first and main medium to get and spread information. Everyday news is reported instantly, and social media has become a major source for broadcasters, news reporters and political analysts as well as a place of interaction for everyday people. For a full utilization of this medium, information must be gathered, analyzed and semantically understood. In this workshop we ask the question: how can Semantic Web technologies be used to provide the means for interested people to draw conclusions, assess situations and to preserve their findings for future use?

The program committee selected four papers for presentation that address the areas of emotional properties of verbs, the coverage of Twitter collection campaigns, the structuring of the Blogosphere, and the specification of a semantic wiki ontology through a collaborative process.

We are very grateful to the reviewers who worked hard to meet the tight deadline. We also like to thank the OTM organizers, especially the workshop chair Yan Tang for her constant support in all phases of the workshop preparation. We would also like to thank the IEEE Special Technical Community on Social Networking (STCSN) for their support and endorsement.

We hope that this edition of Social Media Semantics will be a founding stone to a means of targeted research in the area of Social Media Semantics.

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