WWW’14 General Chair’s Welcome

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 23rd International World Wide Web Conference, WWW 2014.

Since its inception in 1994, the International World Wide Web Conference (WWW) has become the premier forum in advancing Web technologies, introducing these technologies to the industry and to users, and promoting the development of Web standards. WWW is organized by the International World Wide Web Conference Steering Committee (IW3C2) in collaboration with local conference organizers of the host country.

This year we have the privilege of hosting WWW in Seoul, Korea for the very first time. International delegates can experience the advanced information technologies of Korea as well as both the contemporary culture and historical traditions of Seoul, which has been the capital city of Korea for the past six hundred years. I hope you are pleased, as I am, with the quality of this year’s program. There are 3 keynote speeches by world-class experts. The Research track presents 84 high quality papers; 107 posters of the Poster track report concise summaries of research; the Demo track shows 28 interesting demos; the Ph.D. Symposium track reports 11 papers of doctoral students; the Developers track presents 5 papers and 7 speeches focused on development experiences; the Industry track consists of 12 fascinating speeches from prominent industry leaders; the Web Science track presents 20 papers and 15 posters on novel interdisciplinary research; the W3C track is composed of sessions on the latest Web standards and emerging technologies; the Panel program consists of a plenary panel on the future of the Web and 3 panels on current issues. In addition to the tracks and special programs, workshops and tutorials are organized to report on-going works and to provide in-depth knowledge on important subjects, respectively; 19 workshops are organized to present 128 papers and provide 25 invited speeches; 13 tutorials are organized as lectures by experts. The content of the program is contained in the proceedings and the companion proceedings for your future reference.

This conference is the result of the support and dedicated efforts of many individuals and institutions, all of whom are listed in the subsequent pages of these proceedings. I would especially like to thank the authors, speakers, and panelists for providing the excellent content of the conference. In shaping the 2014 program, the chairs of the tracks and special programs worked with a large network of program committee members and external reviewers, and their collaboration with the members of the local organizing committee has been invaluable. I would also like to thank our sponsors for their generous financial contributions, and the IW3C2, whose guidelines served as a valuable resource in preparing the conference. Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) and Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) made it possible to host WWW 2014 in Korea by becoming the local conference organizers, and provided generous financial support. Genicom has taken care of all the details of conference administration. Special thanks to Mary Ellen Zurko for her continued support as the chair of IW3C2; research track co-chairs Andrei Broder, Kyuseok Shim, and Torsten Suel for handling the large volume of submissions and assembling an excellent research paper program; Daniel Schwabe, General Co-Chair of WWW 2013, for his advice and expertise; and Arun Iyengar, our liaison to the IW3C2, for his encouragement and support.

I hope this conference provides you with novel insights, valuable experiences, and opportunities to connect with future colleagues and collaborators, and that you have a pleasant time during your stay in Seoul.

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