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Preface of AVI-BDA Workshop

First of all, this volume contains the full papers presented, discussed, extended, and revised in the context of the 15th Conference on Advanced Visual Interfaces (AVI) within the Workshop on Road Mapping Infrastructures for Artificial Intelligence Supporting Advanced Visual Big Data Analysis (AVI-BDA), held on June 9th, 2020. The workshop initializing the work was organized by us in our capacity as PhD student, as postdoc, and as Chair of Multimedia and Internet Applications at the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Hagen, Germany. The workshop was curated by an international Program Committee of fourteen scientists from nine different universities in six different countries.

Handling the complexity of Big Data requires new visualization techniques in regards to data access, perception, and interaction. Employing Artificial Intelligence can help to lower the entry barriers for different types of Big Data Analysis users and ease their journeys from data integration to data transformation and data exploration. Then again it introduces further challenges for human-computer interaction and interoperability. Therefore, this workshop addressed these issues with a special focus on supporting AI-based intelligent advanced visual user interfaces for Big Data Analysis. In this way, the purpose of this research road-mapping workshop was threefold. Firstly, it aimed at consolidating information, technical details, and research directions from the diverse range of academic R&D projects currently available. Secondly, based on visions of future infrastructures and gaps in the current state of the art, a new reference model was presented, and thirdly, this reference model was validated by the workshop participants. To achieve these aims the workshop brought together researchers and practitioners who are able to contribute and to aid in the research road-mapping, in the validation of a novel reference model, and in providing publications based on their own work in correspondence to the derived reference model. The results of this validation and the corresponding reference model can be used to inform, influence, and disseminate ideas to the wider research community. In consequence, the Call for Papers of the workshop invited contributions from academic researchers and practitioners working in the areas of Big Data Analysis, Visualization, and Artificial Intelligence. The nine initial submissions of position papers from six different countries were each carefully reviewed by three Program Committee members.

Based on submitted position papers and existing research, the workshop outlined the current baseline of infrastructures for AI-based intelligent advanced visual user interfaces for Big Data Analysis. Furthermore, it outlined research gaps that need to be filled to achieve the targeted research and development ambitions. Realizing these ambitions was supported by the presentation and discussion of research aiming at delivering Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analysis application scenarios, e.g. through intelligent advanced visual user interfaces, supporting researchers and organizations in applying and maintaining distributed (spatially, physically, as well as potentially

cross-domain) research resources. These application scenarios served to validate a reference model that utilizes open standards and that can be materialized through an open architecture and components derived from state-of-the-art research results and which is able to deal with Big Data Analysis, Visualization, and Artificial Intelligence resources and services at scale. In this way, the validated reference model can pave the way towards collaboration on the development of an AI-based Big Data Analysis and Visualization tool suite that adopts common existing open standards for access, analysis, and visualization. Thereby, it helps to realize a ubiquitous collaborative workspace for researchers which is able to facilitate the research process and its Big Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence applications.

The workshop took place during a full day and was structured in four sessions to provide maximum time for group discussion and brainstorming. In the first session the participants introduced themselves together with their accepted paper. Following this, the workshop presented a novel reference model for Artificial Intelligence supporting Big Data Analysis and Visualization. In the third session, a gap analysis and validation was completed on the basis of each presented research domain perspective and on the basis of the derived reference model. In the fourth session the group summarized the gaps and set out a timeline and areas for completing their corresponding full publications in order to reflect the gaps and fully validate the derived reference model.

We would like to thank all the authors for contributing high-quality research position papers to the workshop and full papers as well as revisions of these full papers after an additional review to establish the content for these proceedings. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the Organizing and Program Committees, to the members of our Editorial Board, as well as to all the additional external reviewers for reviewing the papers within a very short period of time. Finally, we thank Springer for publishing the proceedings in the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series.

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Preface of ITAVIS Workshop

In addition, this volume also contains the proceedings of the 2nd edition of the ITAVIS workshop. The second edition of the ITAVIS workshop consolidated and expanded the encouraging results obtained from the first edition (ITA.WA.- Italian Visualization & Visual Analytics workshop). The goal was to make an additional step toward the creation of an Italian research community on the topics of Visualization, Visual Analytics, HCI and Design, allowing identification of research directions, joining forces in achieving them, linking researchers and practitioners and developing common guidelines and programs for teaching activities in the fields of Visualization and Visual Analytics. The workshop accepted for the first time five contributions, split into two full research papers, one position paper and two activity presentation reports. The workshop took place during a half-day and was structured in 3 sessions: a keynote speaker session, a research paper session and an activity presentation session. This program fostered a lively discussion and helped in the formation of new connections between research institutions on the topics of Visualization and Visual Analytics. Finally, the ITAVIS workshop produced a future road-map to strengthen the effort of creating an Italian community on these subjects. I would like to thank all the authors for contributing high-quality papers. My thanks go to the Organizing and Program Committees for helping to create an interesting program. I thank Springer for publishing the proceedings in the Lecture Notes in Computer Science series.

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