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Preface

The 10th International Conference on Computational Data and Social Networks (CSoNet 2021), held online, is a premier interdisciplinary forum that brings together researchers and practitioners from all fields of big data and social networks, such as billion-scale network computing, social network/media analysis, mining, security and privacy, and deep learning. CSoNet 2021 aims to address emerging, yet important computational problems with a focus on the fundamental background, theoretical technology development, and real-world applications associated with big data network analysis, modelling, and deep learning. CSoNet 2021 welcomed both the presentation of original research results, the exchange and dissemination of truly innovative theoretical advancements, as well as outcomes of practical deployments and real-world applications in the broad area of information networks.

The core research topics include: theories of network organization; influence modeling, propagation, and maximization; adversarial attacks of network; NLP and affective computing; computational methods for social good; and security, trust, and privacy, among others. We have selected 18 regular full papers, 8 short papers, along with 4 two-page extended abstracts for presentation and publication. An additional 4 invited papers from active researchers in the related fields are also included. Similar to previous years, a few special tracks with specific themes were organized. A special track on Information Spread in Social, Data and Economic Networks accepted 2 papers and 2 abstracts, and the 2nd International Symposium on Fact-Checking, Fake News and Malware Detection in Online Social Networks (OSNs) accepted 3 papers along with 2 abstracts. A number of selected best papers were invited for publication in the Journal of Combinatorial Optimization, IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering, and Computational Social Networks.

This conference would not have been possible without the support of a large number of individuals. First, we sincerely thank all authors for submitting their high quality work to the conference, especially as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to ravage communities and countries around the world. We fully understand the unique challenges facing authors during the pandemic. Our thanks also go to all Technical Program Committee members and sub-reviewers for their willingness to provide timely and detailed reviews of all submissions. Their hard work during the pandemic made the success of the conference possible. We also offer our special thanks to the Publicity and Publication Chairs for their dedication in disseminating the call and encouraging participation in such challenging times, in addition to the preparation of the proceedings. Special thanks are also due to the Special Tracks Chair, Finance Chair and the Web Chair. Lastly, we acknowledge the support and patience of Springer staff members throughout the process.

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