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#### **Preface**

Systems analysis and design (SAND) has been the central field of research and education in the area of management information systems (MIS) or, as it is called more frequently in Europe, business informatics, almost from the time of its origins. SAND continuously attracts the attention of both academia and business. The rapid progress of information and communications technology naturally generates requirements for new generations of SAND methods, techniques and tools. Therefore, international thematic conferences and symposia have become widely accepted forums for the exchange of concepts, solutions and experiences in SAND. In particular, the Association for Information Systems (AIS) is undertaking an initiative toward SAND's international development.

The objective of the EuroSymposium on Systems Analysis and Design is to promote and develop high-quality research on all issues related to SAND. It provides a forum for SAND researchers and practitioners in Europe and beyond to interact, collaborate and develop their field. The EuroSymposia were initiated by Keng Siau as the SIGSAND—Europe Initiative. Previous EuroSymposia were held at:

- University of Galway, Ireland 2006
- University of Gdansk, Poland 2007
- University of Marburg, Germany 2008

The accepted submissions of EuroSymposium 2007 were published in: A. Bajaj, S. Wrycza (eds), Systems Analysis and Design for Advanced Modeling Methods: Best Practices Information Science Reference, IGI Global, Hershey, New York, 2009. After a three-year break, one of the former organizers, the Department of Business Informatics of the University of Gdansk, decided to re-start the EuroSymposium as a joint undertaking of two AIS units—SIGSAND and PLAIS. Therefore, the three organizers of the 4th EuroSymposium on Systems Analysis and Design were:

- SIGSAND AIS Special Interest Group on Systems Analysis and Design
- PLAIS The Polish Chapter of AIS
- The Department of Business Informatics of University of Gdansk, Poland

SIGSAND is one of the most active AIS SIGs with a substantial record of contributions to AIS. It provides services such as the annual North American and European SAND Symposia, research and teaching tracks at major IS conferences, a listsery and special issues in journals.

The Polish Chapter of the Association for Information Systems (PLAIS) was established in 2006 as the joint initiative of Claudia Loebbecke, former President of AIS, and Stanislaw Wrycza, University of Gdansk, Poland. PLAIS co-organizes international and domestic IS conferences.

The Department of Business Informatics of the University of Gdansk conducts intensive teaching and research activities. Some of its academic manuals are bestsellers in Poland. The department is also active internationally, organizing various conferences including the 10th European Conference on Information Systems (ECIS 2002) and the 7th International Conference on Perspectives in Business Informatics Research (BIR 2008). The department is a partner of the European Research Center for Information Systems consortium.

EuroSymposium 2011 - the 4th SIGSAND/PLAIS Symposium on Systems Analysis and Design - was held in Gdansk, Poland, on September 29, 2011.

EuroSymposium had an acceptance rate of 45%, with submissions divided into the following three groups:

- Business Processes Modeling
- Integrated Systems Development
- Software Development

The accepted papers reflect the current trends in the systems analysis and design field.

During EuroSymposium 2011, two keynote speeches were given:

- Vijay Khatri, Operations and Decision Technologies Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, USA: Developing an Agenda for Research in Systems Analysis and Design at the Intersection of Design Science and Behavioral Science.
- Jaroslaw Jackowiak, ISV Technology Manager, Academic Initiative Architect IBM Software: IBM Cloud Concept and Implementation.

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