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Preface

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We received more than 472 papers from 15 countries over the world. Each paper was peer reviewed by at least two members of the International Program Committee and International Reviewer Board. Only 161 papers with the highest quality were selected for oral presentation and publication in the three volumes of ACIIDS 2012 proceedings.

The papers included in the proceedings cover the following topics: intelligent database systems, data warehouses and data mining, natural language processing and computational linguistics, Semantic Web, social networks and recommendation systems, collaborative systems and applications, e-business and e-commerce systems, e-learning systems, information modeling and requirements engineering, information retrieval systems, intelligent agents and multi-agent systems, intelligent information systems, intelligent Internet systems, intelligent optimization techniques, object-relational DBMS, ontologies and knowledge sharing, semi-structured and XML database systems, unified modeling language and unified processes, Web services and Semantic Web, computer networks and communication systems.

Accepted and presented papers highlight new trends and challenges of intelligent information and database systems. The presenters showed how new research could lead to novel and innovative applications. We hope you will find these results useful and inspiring for your future research.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Honorary Chairs: Cheng-Qi Zhang (University of Technology Sydney, Australia), Szu-Wei Yang (President of National Taichung University of Education, Taiwan) and Tadeusz Wieckowski (Rector of Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland) for their support.

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