

Message from the ICDM 2020 General Chairs

On behalf of the organizing committee of the ICDM 2020 conference, we would like to extend to all of you our warmest welcome to the 2020 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining, and to your virtual visit to Sorrento, Italy, the initial location of the conference.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the ICDM Organizing Committee decided to hold the conference as a virtual event, in order to protect the safety and well-being of all conference participants, which remain the top priority of the ICDM Organizing Committee actions and goals.

Sorrento and the iconic Sorrento Peninsula, initially designated as the location of the conference, are located in Southern Italy and separate the Gulf of Naples to the north from the Gulf of Salerno to the south. The peninsula is named after its main town, Sorrento, which is located on the Gulf of Naples coast. Celebrated tourist attractions that are in close proximity with Sorrento include the Amalfi Coast to the south, then to the west, the island of Capri off the tip of the peninsula in the Tyrrhenian Sea, and finally, Pompei and Herculaneum few miles to the North and... two millennia back in time. The whole area represents a renowned touristic and historical destination.

The organization of a successful conference would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of many individuals. In particular, we would like express our gratitude to the Program Chairs *Claudia Plant*, University of Vienna, Austria, and *Haixun Wang*, WeWork, New York, USA; Awards Committee Chair *Jiawei Han*, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA; Demo Chairs *Jiannong Cao*, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, and *Arno Siebes*, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands; Workshops Chairs *Giuseppe Di Fatta*, University of Reading, UK, and *Victor Sheng*, Texas Tech University, USA; Contest Chairs *Xindong Wu*, Mininglamp Academy of Sciences, China, and *Kang Liu*, Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; Tutorial Chairs *Diane Cook*, Washington State University, USA, and *Min-Ling Zhang*, Southeast University, China; Panel Chairs *Ranga Vatsavai*, North Carolina State University, USA, and *Wei Wang*, University of New South Wales, Australia; Local Arrangement Chair *Giuseppe Polese*, University of Salerno, Italy; Publicity Chairs *Ting Bai*, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, China, *Carson Leung*, University of Manitoba, Canada, and *Washio Takashi*, Osaka University, Japan; Sponsor Chair *Jieping Ye*, DiDi, China; Web Chair *Gongqing Wu*, Hefei University of Technology, China.

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We owe our special thanks to our sponsors. Last but not least, we would like to thank our keynote speakers, panelists, the many authors who submitted research papers to the conference and all the attendees. We are encouraged by your scientific work, passion, and discoveries.

Finally, we thank all researchers, practitioners and students who are working in the field of data mining for their enthusiastic support and promotion of ICDM over the years. We wish to all of you a productive conference with new discoveries, new collaborations and new research exchange opportunities.

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