

## **Welcome Message From The WoWMoM 2013 General Chair**

On behalf of the entire WoWMoM 2013 Organizing Committee, I welcome you to Madrid, Spain where the Fourteenth IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (IEEE WoWMoM 2013) meets from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2013! IEEE WoWMoM 2013 begins with a day of 8 workshops AOC, CONWIRE, CORAL, D-SPAN, HOTMESH, IoT-SoS, SCUCA, and VIDEV that deal with a broad range of hot research topics such as autonomic and opportunistic communications, wireless-system convergence, cognitive radio, wireless data security and privacy, mesh networking, Internet of things, smart cities, and ubiquitous video. The subsequent 3 days are dedicated to the main conference.

The main conference of IEEE WoWMoM 2013 starts on 5<sup>th</sup> June with keynote “Smart Cities – Technologies, Big Data and Citizens” by Mischa Dohler from CTTC, Spain. The program on 6<sup>th</sup> June includes keynote “Rethinking Video Transport” by Gustavo de Veciana from the University of Texas at Austin, USA as well as panel “Wireless Dense Networks: Simple Rescaling or Change of Paradigm?” moderated by Albert Banchs from Institute IMDEA Networks and UC3M (Carlos III University of Madrid), Spain. The technical program also contains presentations of 28 full papers, 10 short papers, 6 papers in the Industry Track, 9 work-in-progress papers, 9 demos, and 13 papers in the Ph.D. Forum. On the social side, the conference hosts a Spanish cocktail party at the UC3M Getafe venue on 5<sup>th</sup> June and banquet in the luxurious Alcala heart of Madrid on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Organizing a major conference involves numerous tasks of wide breadth and high complexity. Despite my prior participation in many conferences, it is my service as the WoWMoM 2013 General Chair that allowed me to fully appreciate the effort needed to make a conference a success. Luckily for me, the other Chairs of the Organizing Committee carried most of the workload in an effective decentralized manner. First of all, I would like to heartily thank Manuel Urueña from UC3M and Vincenzo Mancuso, my colleague at Institute IMDEA Networks, for their persistence and level heads in making the local arrangements. Web Chairs Levente Csikor and Gábor Rétvári (both from Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary) provided and maintained the impressive up-to-date presence of WoWMoM 2013 online. Michela Becchi (University of Missouri, USA), Yaping Lin (Hunan University, China), Jorge Navarro Ortiz (University of Granada, Spain), and Maxim Podlesny (University of Waterloo, Canada) formed a reliable well-coordinated team of the Publicity Chairs who globally spread the word about the conference activities. As the TPC Chairs, Enzo Mingozzi (University of Pisa, Italy) and Yonghe Liu (University of Texas at Arlington, USA) did an excellent job to conduct the review and selection of the full, short, and work-in-progress papers for the technical program. Yonghe also served as the Finance and Registration Chair to take care of the conference budget. Workshops Chairs Miguel A. Labrador (University of South Florida, USA) and Polychronis Koutsakis (Technical University of Crete, Greece) selected and coordinated the 8 workshops for WoWMoM 2013. I am grateful to Albert Banchs for the panel organization as well as his general advice and help with various conference issues. By chairing the Industry Track, Claudio Cicconetti (Intecs, Italy) and Vania Conan (Thales Communications & Security, France) greatly strengthened the practical relevance of WoWMoM 2013. Marilia Curado (University of Coimbra, Portugal) and Silvia Giordano (SUPSI, Switzerland) selected the papers for the Ph.D. Forum, connecting the conference to the youth and future of its research community. As the

Demo Chairs, Omer Gurewitz (Ben Gurion University, Israel) and Andres Marin Lopez (UC3M) organized the exciting set of innovative technical demonstrations. Angelos Lazaris (University of Southern California, USA) and Balaji Rengarajan (Institute IMDEA Networks) served as the Publication Chairs to arrange the online proceedings of WoWMoM 2013. Sajal Das (University of Texas at Arlington) and Marco Conti (IIT-CNR, Italy) from the WoWMoM Steering Committee provided firm resourceful guidance on preserving conference-series traditions and improving the 2013 edition of the conference. My sincere appreciation also goes to all the other volunteers who helped WoWMoM 2013 without having a formal position on the Organizing Committee. Finally, I am greatly thankful to the IEEE Computer Society, University of Texas at Arlington, and IEEE Technical Committee on Computer Communications (TCCC) for sponsoring IEEE WoWMoM 2013.

I wish the WoWMoM 2013 attendees a fruitful exposure to the newly presented ideas in multimedia and wireless communications, exciting social networking with other participants, and pleasant time in our wonderful Madrid.

Sincerely,

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