## **EMERGING 2017**

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The Ninth International Conference on Emerging Networks and Systems Intelligence (EMERGING 2017), held between November 12 - 16, 2017, in Barcelona, Spain, constituted a stage to present and evaluate the advances in emerging solutions for next-generation architectures, devices, and communications protocols. Particular focus was aimed at optimization, quality, discovery, protection, and user profile requirements supported by special approaches such as network coding, configurable protocols, context-aware optimization, ambient systems, anomaly discovery, and adaptive mechanisms.

Next-generation large distributed networks and systems require substantial reconsideration of exiting 'de facto' approaches and mechanisms to sustain an increasing demand on speed, scale, bandwidth, topology and flow changes, user complex behavior, security threats, and service and user ubiquity. As a result, growing research and industrial forces are focusing on new approaches for advanced communications considering new devices and protocols, advanced discovery mechanisms, and programmability techniques to express, measure and control the service quality, security, environmental and user requirements.

The conference had the following tracks:

- Technology and networking trends
- Applications and services

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We also gratefully thank the members of the EMERGING 2017 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work that made this professional meeting a success.

We hope that EMERGING 2017 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and to promote further progress in the field of emerging networks and systems intelligence.

We also hope that Barcelona, Spain, provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to enjoy the unique charm of the city.

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