

AFIN 2012

Foreword

The Fourth International Conference on Advances in Future Internet [AFIN 2012], held between August 19-24, 2012 in Rome, Italy, continued a series of events dealing with advances on future Internet mechanisms and services.

We are in the early stage of a revolution on what we call Internet now. Most of the design principles and deployments, as well as originally intended services, reached some technical limits and we can see a tremendous effort to correct this. Routing must be more intelligent, with quality of service consideration and 'on-demand' flavor, while the access control schemes should allow multiple technologies yet guarantying the privacy and integrity of the data. In a heavily distributed network resources, handling asset and resource for distributing computing (autonomic, cloud, on-demand) and addressing management in the next IPv6/IPv4 mixed networks require special effort for designers, equipment vendors, developers, and service providers.

The diversity of the Internet-based offered services requires a fair handling of transactions for financial applications, scalability for smart homes and ehealth/telemedicine, openness for web-based services, and protection of the private life. Different services have been developed and are going to grow based on future Internet mechanisms. Identifying the key issues and major challenges, as well as the potential solutions and the current results paves the way for future research.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the AFIN 2012 Technical Program Committee, as well as the numerous reviewers. The creation of such a high quality conference program would not have been possible without their involvement. We also kindly thank all the authors who dedicated much of their time and efforts to contribute to AFIN 2012. We truly believe that, thanks to all these efforts, the final conference program consisted of top quality contributions.

Also, this event could not have been a reality without the support of many individuals, organizations, and sponsors. We are grateful to the members of the AFIN 2012 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work to make this professional meeting a success.

We hope that AFIN 2012 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and for the promotion of progress in the field of future internet.

We are convinced that the participants found the event useful and communications very open. We also hope the attendees enjoyed the historic charm Rome, Italy.

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