

AMBIENT 2018

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The Eighth International Conference on Ambient Computing, Applications, Services and Technologies (AMBIENT 2018), held between November 18, 2018 and November 22, 2018 in Athens, Greece, continued a series of events devoted to a global view on ambient computing, services, applications, technologies and their integration.

On the way for a full digital society, ambient, sentient and ubiquitous paradigms lead the torch. There is a need for behavioral changes for users to understand, accept, handle, and feel helped within the surrounding digital environments. Ambient comes as a digital storm bringing new facets of computing, services and applications. Smart phones and sentient offices, wearable devices, domotics, and ambient interfaces are only a few of such personalized aspects. The advent of social and mobile networks along with context-driven tracking and localization paved the way for ambient assisted living, intelligent homes, social games, and telemedicine.

The conference had the following tracks:

- Ambient devices, applications and systems
- Ambient services, technology and platforms
- Ambient Environments for Assisted Living and Virtual Coaching
- User Friendly Interfaces

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We also gratefully thank the members of the AMBIENT 2018 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work that made this professional meeting a success.

We hope that AMBIENT 2018 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 ambient computing, applications, services and technologies. We also hope that Athens, Greece, provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to enjoy the historic charm of the city.

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