

ICDS 2013

Forward

The seventh edition of The International Conference on Digital Society (ICDS 2013) was held in Nice, France, February 24 - March 1, 2013.

Nowadays, most of the economic activities and business models are driven by the unprecedented evolution of theories and technologies. The impregnation of these achievements into our society is present everywhere, and it is only question of user education and business models optimization towards a digital society.

Progress in cognitive science, knowledge acquisition, representation, and processing helped to deal with imprecise, uncertain or incomplete information. Management of geographical and temporal information becomes a challenge, in terms of volume, speed, semantic, decision, and delivery.

Information technologies allow optimization in searching and interpreting data, yet special constraints imposed by the digital society require on-demand, ethics, and legal aspects, as well as user privacy and safety.

The event was very competitive in its selection process and very well perceived by the international scientific and industrial communities. As such, it is attracting excellent contributions and active participation from all over the world. We were very pleased to receive a large amount of top quality contributions.

The accepted papers covered a large spectrum of topics related to advanced networking, applications, social networking, and systems technologies in a digital society. It also includes articles originally submitted to CYBERLAWS 2013, due to extensive topic overlap. We believe that the ICDS 2013 contributions offered a large panel of solutions to key problems in all areas of digital needs of today's society.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the ICDS 2013 technical program committee as well as the numerous reviewers. The creation of such a broad and high quality conference program would not have been possible without their involvement. We also kindly thank all the authors that dedicated much of their time and efforts to contribute to the ICDS 2013. We truly believe that thanks to all these efforts, the final conference program consists of top quality contributions.

This event could also not have been a reality without the support of many individuals, organizations and sponsors. In addition, we also gratefully thank the members of the ICDS

20103 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work that is making this professional meeting a success.

We hope the ICDS 2013 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and to promote further progress on the topics of the conference.

We also hope that Côte d'Azur provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time for exploring the Mediterranean Coast.

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