

SOTICS 2013

Foreword

The Third International Conference on Social Eco-Informatics (SOTICS 2013), held between November 17-22, 2013 in Lisbon, Portugal, continued a series of events bridging different social and informatics concepts by considering digital domains, social metrics, social applications, services, and challenges.

The systems comprising human and information features form a complex mix of social sciences and informatics concepts embraced by the so-called social eco-systems. These are interdisciplinary approaches on social phenomena supported by advanced informatics solutions. It is quite intriguing that the impact on society is little studied despite a few experiments. Recently, also Google was labeled as a company that does not contribute to brain development by instantly showing the response for a query. This is in contrast to the fact that it has been proven that not showing the definitive answer directly facilitates a learning process better. Also, studies show that e-book reading takes more time than reading a printed book. Digital libraries and deep web offer a vast spectrum of information. Large scale digital libraries and access-free digital libraries, as well as social networks and tools constitute challenges in terms of accessibility, trust, privacy, and user satisfaction. The current questions concern the trade-off, where our actions must focus, and how to increase the accessibility to e-Social resources.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the SOTICS 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 who dedicated much of their time and efforts to contribute to SOTICS 2013. 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 SOTICS 2013 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work to make this professional meeting a success.

We hope that SOTICS 2013 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 social eco-informatics.

We are convinced that the participants found the event useful and communications very open. We hope that Lisbon, Portugal, provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to enjoy the charm of the city.

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