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The Eighth International Conference on Social Media Technologies, Communication, and Informatics (SOTICS 2018), held on October 14 - 18, 2018- Nice, France, was an event on social eco-informatics, 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 quit 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 times than reading a printed one. Digital libraries and deep web offer a vast spectrum of information. Large scale digital library 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 eSocial resources.

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

We hope that SOTICS 2018 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and to promote further progress in the area of social eco-informatics. We also hope Nice provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time for exploring this beautiful city.

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