Message from the WAMIS 2008 Chairs

The Web and mobile information technologies offer new and exciting services in various domains including e-business, tourism, healthcare, entertainment, education, and so on. Various organizations, academic institutions and industries are putting enormous efforts and resources in the research and development of the Web and mobile technologies in order to provide mobile users with access to the vast information available on the Web. In addition to its widespread usability in the e-commerce, education, and media, Web has established its roots in exchanging and sharing information in social networks.

These new developments however introduce many new challenging problems to researchers. The aim of WAMIS 2008 was to bring together researchers in an effort to highlight the state-of-the-art and discuss the issues and opportunities to explore new research directions and develop new ideas. WAMIS was initially started as a workshop in 2005. After the successful meetings in 2005, 2006, and 2007, WAMIS was upgraded to symposium in 2008.

WAMIS 2008 received submissions from around the world including contributions from both academia and the industry. The program committee is pleased to present an interesting technical program for WAMIS 2008. Based on the review reports, 12 papers were accepted for publication in the proceedings. The accepted papers represent different countries from Asia, Europe, South America, North America, and Africa.

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