Message from the Program Committee Co-chairs

Recent advances in Web information systems and applications such as Web Data Management, Web Information Integration, Web Services, Web Data Warehousing, Web Data Mining, and Semantic Web, have rapidly changed our life in various ways. To meet the needs of sharing and exchanging research achievements and development experiences from both academic and industry communities, IEEE Technical Committee on Multimedia Computing and the Office Automation and Electronic Government Society of China Computer Federation (CCF) have jointly launched the Web Information Systems and Applications conference, WISA. The objective of the conference is to bring together researchers, industrial practitioners, and developers to share their experiences in the rapidly growing area of Web Information Systems and Applications.

The conference this year will be held in Xuzhou, China, and organized by China University of Mining and Technology, China. The conference Call for Papers (CFP) solicited contributions covering all research areas related to web information systems and applications, such as web and database technology, web information retrieval and mining, semantic web and intelligent web, social information network, web services and SOA, web application framework and architecture, deep web technology.

WISA 2009 received 375 submissions. After a thorough review process in which each paper has been reviewed and recommended by at least three PC members or external reviewers, the program committee selected 79 regular research papers (acceptance ratio 20%).

We wish to present our gratitude to the WISA conference Steering Committee, the WISA 2009 Organizing Committee, and the Program Committee members and many external reviewers for their excellent work in evaluating the submitted papers. We wish also to thank all authors for submitting high-quality work to the conference.

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