

Foreword

We are pleased to present this collection of papers submitted to the 9th International Conference on Data Mining 2013, DMIN'13 (www.dmin-2013.com), July 22-25, 2013, The New Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Data mining is a relatively young discipline that is critically important if we want to effectively learn from the tremendous amounts of data that are routinely being generated in science, engineering, medicine, business, and other areas. Data mining attracts innovative and influential contributions to both research and practice, across a wide range of academic disciplines and application domains. DMIN conferences seek to acknowledge and facilitate excellence in research and applications in the area of data mining. DMIN conferences are held annually within WORLDCOMP, the largest annual gathering of researchers in computer science, computer engineering and applied computing. WORLDCOMP'13 assembles a spectrum of 22 affiliated research conferences, workshops, and symposiums into a coordinated research meeting. Each conference has its own program committee as well as referees and own indexed proceedings. Attendees have full access to all 22 conferences' sessions, tracks, and tutorials. DMIN seeks to reflect the multi- and interdisciplinary nature of data mining and to facilitate the exchange and development of novel ideas, open communication and networking amongst researchers and practitioners in different research domains. As in 2012 and the years before, we hope that the 2013 International Conference on Data Mining will provide a forum for you to present your research in a professional environment, exchange ideas, and network and interact across research areas. DMIN actively supports students and beginning researchers from lesser developed countries by funding registration and accommodation, in order to allow for a truly international networking and understanding. The 2013 conference has provided an international and multicultural experience with contributions from 26 different countries. We consider the resulting diversity in attendees and the mixture of established and starting researchers as a particular advantage of an engaging conference format.

DMIN'13 attracted a large number of submissions of theoretical research papers as well as industrial reports and case studies on applications. The program committee would like to thank all those who submitted papers for review. We strived to establish a review process of high quality. To ensure a fair, objective and transparent review process all review criteria were published on the website. Papers were evaluated regarding their relevance to DMIN, originality, significance, information content, clarity, and soundness on an international level. Each aspect was objectively evaluated, with alternative aspects finding consideration for application papers. Each paper was refereed by at least two researchers in the topical area, taken the reviewers' expertise and confidence into consideration, with most of the papers receiving three reviews. The review process was competitive. The overall paper acceptance rate for papers was 45%.

We are very grateful to the many colleagues who helped in organizing the conference. In particular, we would like to thank the members of the DMIN'13 program committee. Their continuing support has been essential to further improve the quality of accepted submissions and the resulting success of the conference. The DMIN'13 program committee members are (in alphabetical order):

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Considering the increasing efforts of all towards the quality of the review process, the conference sessions and the social program of DMIN'13 we are confident that you can look forward to participating and attending a leading and reputable international conference. It is a particular pleasure to provide data mining oriented invited talks and tutorials presented by the following esteemed members of the data mining community: Vladimir Cherkassky (University of Minnesota, USA), Peter Geczy (AIST, Japan), and Alfred Inselberg (Tel Aviv University, Israel).

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Thank you all for your contribution to DMIN'13! We hope that you will experience a stimulating conference with many opportunities for future contacts, research and applications.

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