WWW'14 IW3C2 Chair's Welcome

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On behalf of the International World Wide Web Conference Committee (**IW3C2**), the steering committee for this conference series, I welcome you to the 23rd conference of our series. As you may already know, Tim Berners-Lee, at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, first conceived the World Wide Web in 1989. The first conference of the series, WWW1, was held at CERN in 1994 and organized by Robert Cailliau. The IW3C2 was founded by Joseph Hardin and Robert Cailliau later in 1994 and has been responsible for the conference series ever since. I have personally been lucky enough to be part of this community since WWW2, when I co-authored a poster. After 1994 and 1995 (when two conferences were held each year), WWW*n* became an annual event held in late April or early May.

The location of the conference generally rotates among the Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific. In 2001 we changed the conference designator from a number (1 through 10) to the year it is held; i.e., WWW11 became known as WWW2002. You may browse our website http://www.iw3c2.org/ for information on past and future conferences. **WWW2018 is now open for bids**, preferably from a host in Europe. We encourage you to point interested parties to the "Host a Conference" section of the IW3C2's web site.

The International WWW Conference series provides the world with a premier forum about the development of the Web, the standardization of its associated technologies, and the Web's impact on society and culture. These conferences bring together researchers, students, developers, users, and vendors – indeed all of you who are passionate about the Web and what it has to offer, now and in the future. Part of what is exciting about this series is the cross boundary and eclectic nature of the topics covered, and the opportunity it provides for exploration of new directions, both technological and social.

We thank KAIST and KATS for co-organizing WWW2014. We also extend many thanks to all our WWW2014 sponsors, who make this event possible.

We are delighted to bring the conference series web community to Korea, and to Seoul, to share the culture, history, food, and drink of this ancient capital with all of you. We thank the general chair Chin-Wan Chung for all his hard work. Let us all take this opportunity to learn new things in technology, in culture, and in business, from each other!

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