

WWW'15 Web Science Track Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *2015 ACM Web Science Track*, held as part of the WWW 2015 conference, in Florence, Italy.

The scale of the Web's impact, its transformative nature for the society and the rate of its adoption are unparalleled in human history. Web Science is an interdisciplinary field dedicated to understanding what the Web is, engineering its future, and ensuring its social benefit. This track focuses on all aspects of Web Science, combining research from disciplines as diverse as social science, sociology, digital humanities, philosophy, art and history, computer science, economics and mathematics, with papers demonstrating interdisciplinary work contributing new models, algorithms, data analysis, frameworks and applications with direct domain relevance and interdisciplinary impact. This year's Web Science Track call for papers attracted 87 submissions, with authors hailing from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America.

Among the 87 submissions, the program committee reviewed and accepted 12 papers for full presentation (acceptance rate: 13.8%), and an additional 14 papers for poster presentation. The papers and posters represent a wide range of Web Science topics, including Web access, crowdsourcing, online communities, the structure and organization of the Web, social computing, and the Internet of Things.

Putting together this year's Web Science Track was a team effort. We first thank the authors for providing the content of the program. We are grateful to the program committee who worked very hard in reviewing papers and providing high-quality feedback for authors.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought provoking, and that the Web Science Track will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world.

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