

BigScholar'15 Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to *BigScholar 2015, The Second WWW Workshop on Big Scholarly Data: Towards the Web of Scholars*. The workshop is held in Florence, Italy, May 2015, as part of the 24th International World Wide Web Conference (WWW 2015).

The BigScholar workshop aims at bringing together researchers and practitioners working on Big Scholarly Data to discuss what are emerging research issues and how to explore the Web of Scholars. Several core challenges, such as the tools and methods for analyzing and mining scholarly data will be the main center of discussions at the workshop. The goal is to contribute to the birth of a community having a shared interest around the Web of Scholars and exploring it using data mining, recommender systems, social network analysis and other appropriate technologies.

In response to the call-for-papers, this second edition of the workshop received 11 submissions from Asia, Australia, Europe, South America, and the United States. Each paper was reviewed by at least two members of the program committee. As a result of the rigorous review process, 6 high-quality papers were accepted for presentation at the workshop and inclusion in the proceedings. In addition to paper presentations, the workshop also features one Invited Keynote Speech delivered by Dr. Kuansan Wang, Director and Principal Researcher of the Internet Service Research Center (ISRC) at Microsoft Research (MSR), Redmond Washington.

We take the opportunity to thank all the members of the BigScholar 2015 Program Committee as well as the reviewers who shared their valuable expertise and time to make the workshop a success. We also thank all the authors for submitting their papers to BigScholar 2015.

The Organizing Committee of the WWW 2015 conference is acknowledged for making local arrangement for BigScholar 2015. Special thanks go to the Workshop Co-Chairs of WWW 2015 for their support and guidance.

We wish all an enjoyable stay in Florence with an enlightening workshop!

Feng Xia

*Dalian University of Technology
China*

Huan Liu

*Arizona State University
USA*

Irwin King

*The Chinese University of Hong Kong
China*



BigScholar'15 Organization

Chairs: Feng Xia (*Dalian University of Technology, China*)
Huan Liu (*Arizona State University, USA*)
Irwin King (*The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China*)

Program Committee: Nitin Agarwal (*University of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA*)
Nana Yaw Asabere (*Accra Polytechnic, Ghana*)
Laurens De Vocht (*Ghent University, Belgium*)
Fajar J. Ekaputra (*Vienna University of Technology, Austria*)
Young-Ho Eom (*IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy*)
Simone Gabbriellini (*GEMASS, CNRS & Paris-Sorbonne, France*)
Bo Jin (*Dalian University of Technology, China*)
Radoslaw Michalski (*Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland*)
Francesco Osborne (*Open University, UK*)
Guangzhi Qu (*Oakland University, USA*)
Selver Softic (*Graz University of Technology, Austria*)
Xianwen Wang (*Dalian University of Technology, China*)
Zhaohui Wu (*Pennsylvania State University, USA*)
Jinyun Yan (*Rutgers University–New Brunswick, USA*)
Roland Yap (*National University of Singapore, Singapore*)