

BigScholar 2016 Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to *BigScholar 2016, The Third WWW Workshop on Big Scholarly Data: Towards the Web of Scholars*. The workshop is held in Montreal, Canada, April 2016, as part of the 25th International World Wide Web Conference (WWW 2016).

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 third edition of the workshop received 22 submissions from Asia, Europe, South America, Canada, and the United States of America. Each paper was reviewed by at least two members of the program committee. As a result of the rigorous review process, 12 high-quality papers were accepted for presentation at the workshop and inclusion in the proceedings. In addition to paper presentations, the workshop also features two Invited Keynote Speeches delivered by Prof. C. Lee Giles from Pennsylvania State University and Prof. Jie Tang from Tsinghua University, respectively.

We take the opportunity to thank all the members of the BigScholar 2016 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 2016.

The Organizing Committee of the WWW 2016 conference is acknowledged for making local arrangement for BigScholar 2016. Special thanks go to the Workshop Co-Chairs of WWW 2016 for their support and guidance.

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



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