

PhD Symposium Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *PhD Symposium* that is held in conjunction with the 26th International World Wide Web Conference, April 3 – April 7, 2017, Perth, Australia. The PhD Symposium of WWW2017 provides an excellent opportunity for PhD students at different stages in their research to present their ideas, and receive feedback on their work by experienced researchers and other PhD students working in research areas related to the World Wide Web.

The call for papers attracted fourteen submissions from Australia, China, France, Germany, India, and Japan. We are very pleased to observe that students from all over the world do their best to resolve a wide range of problems that the World Wide Web currently faces. The program committee carefully reviewed and accepted 7 papers that cover a variety of topics including credibility analysis, rumor detection, knowledge graph embedding, bias detection and evolution, temporal network, mobile health, information diffusion, among others. We hope that the program will serve as a valuable reference for researchers and developers in the field of World Wide Web.

Putting together the *WWW2017 PhD Symposium* was a team effort. We first thank the authors for their contributions to the program. We must also thank the program committee members and the mentors for their invaluable efforts in reviewing papers and providing constructive feedback to authors. We must also thank our invited speaker Joanna Batstone from IBM Australia for giving a Career Talk. We are also grateful to Eyhab Al-Masri from the University of Waterloo for his invaluable efforts and support in preparing and organizing this year's PhD Symposium. We must also thank the General Chairs, Rick Cummings and Rick Barrett, the Local Organization Committee Members and ACM SIGs for their guidance, support and great help in the preparation and organization of this program.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the PhD Symposium will continue its excellence and serve as an important forum for PhD candidates around the world to share their original research results in the field of World Wide Web.

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