

WWW 2017

Research Program Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 26th *International World Wide Web Conference, WWW 2017*. For more than two decades, WWW has been the premier venue for researchers, practitioners and students to come together and discuss the latest research and developments related to the Web. The technical program of WWW 2017 consists of 11 tracks for refereed research papers, as well as a refereed poster track, an industry track, a demonstration track, and several other co-located tracks and special events. As in previous years, updates and changes were made to ensure that track topics correctly reflect the key research areas of interest to the WWW community.

The research tracks at WWW 2017 are:

- Computational Health
- Crowdsourcing
- Internet Monetisation and Online Markets
- Search
- Security and Privacy
- Semantics and Knowledge
- Social Network Analysis and Computational Social Science
- Systems and Infrastructure
- Ubiquitous and Mobile Computing
- User Modeling, Personalisation and Experience
- Web Mining and Content Analysis

The research tracks attracted submissions from all over the world. Submissions were rigorously reviewed, with each paper receiving at least three reviews and a meta-review, with many papers receiving four or more reviews. During the discussion phase, reviewers and track chairs discussed the reviews in detail. For consistency across tracks, final decisions on papers were made at the face-to-face PC meeting of all track chairs and the PC chairs. Of the 966 paper submitted to the research tracks, 164 were accepted, for the acceptance rate of 17%.

Additionally, 24 papers were selected for the Industry track, chaired by Pavel Serdyukov (Yandex), and another 12 papers were selected to appear in the Alternate Web Science Track, chaired by Clare Hooper and Jim Hendler (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute).

The poster track was chaired by Soumen Chakrabarti (Indian Institute of Technology), Wei Chen (Microsoft Research), and Mounia Lalmas (Yahoo Research). The track received 166 submissions, of which 65 were accepted, for the acceptance rate of 39%.

Putting together the research program was a team effort, and we want to thank all those involved, particularly the track chairs, Senior Program Committee members, and the individual PC members and reviewers. The conference would not be possible without their efforts.

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