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Foreword

It gives us great pleasure to introduce this collection of papers to be presented at the 11th International Conference on Data Mining 2015, DMIN'15 (www.dmin-2015.com), July 27-30, 2015, at Monte Carlo Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

Data mining is a relatively young discipline that is critically important if we want to effectively learn from the tremendous amounts of data that are routinely being generated in science, engineering, medicine, business, and other areas in order to gain insight into processes, transactions, make better decisions, and deliver value to users or organizations. During the last years, we all observe new, more glorious and promising concepts or labels emerging and slowly but steadily displacing 'data mining' from the agenda of CTO's. It is the time of big data, advanced-/business-/customer-/data-/…/risk-analytics, to name only a few terms that dominate websites, trade journals, and the general press. But they all aim at leveraging data for a better understanding of and insight into complex real-world phenomena. They all pursue this objective using some formal, often algorithmic, procedures, at least to some extent. This is what data miners have been doing for decades. So maybe the label 'data mining' has lost much of its momentum and made room for more recent 'competitors', but the very idea of it, the idea to think of massive, omnipresent amounts of data as strategic assets, and the aim to capitalize on these assets by means of analytic procedures is, indeed, more relevant and topical than ever before. Advances in hardware and software are helpful, but there are still many challenges to be tackled in order to leverage the promises of data analytics.

An important mission of the World Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Applied Computing (WORLDCOMP, a federated congress to which this conference is affiliated with) includes *"Providing a unique platform for a diverse community of constituents composed of scholars, researchers, developers, educators, and practitioners. The Congress makes concerted effort to reach out to participants affiliated with diverse entities (such as: universities, institutions, corporations, government agencies, and research centers/labs) from all over the world. The congress also attempts to connect participants from institutions that have teaching as their main mission with those who are affiliated with institutions that have research as their main mission."* By any definition of diversity, this congress is among the most diverse scientific meeting in USA. We are proud to report that this federated congress has authors and participants from 76 different nations representing variety of personal and scientific experiences that arise from differences in culture and values. The program committee of this conference as well as the program committee of all other tracks of the federated congress are as diverse as its authors and participants.

Data mining attracts innovative and influential contributions to both research and practice, across a wide range of academic disciplines and application domains. DMIN conferences seek to acknowledge and facilitate excellence in research and applications in the area of data mining. DMIN conferences are held annually within WORLDCOMP. WORLDCOMP'15 assembles a spectrum of 20 affiliated research conferences, workshops, and symposiums into a coordinated research meeting. Each conference has its own program committee as well as referees and own indexed proceedings. Attendees have full access to all 20 conferences' sessions, tracks, and tutorials. DMIN seeks to reflect the multi- and interdisciplinary nature of data mining and to facilitate the exchange and development of novel ideas, open communication and networking amongst researchers and practitioners in different research domains. As in previous years, we hope that the 2015 International Conference on Data Mining will provide a forum for you to present your research in a professional environment, exchange ideas, and network and interact across research areas. DMIN actively supports students and beginning researchers from lesser developed countries by funding registration and accommodation, in order to allow for a truly international networking and understanding. DMIN'15 provides an international and multicultural

experience with contributions from 20 different countries. We consider the resulting diversity in attendees and the mixture of established and starting researchers as a particular advantage of an engaging conference format.

DMIN'15 attracted a high number of submissions of theoretical research papers as well as industrial reports, application case studies, and in a second phase, late breaking papers, position papers, and abstract papers. The program committee would like to thank all those who submitted papers for consideration. We strived to establish a review process of high quality. To ensure a fair, objective and transparent review process all review criteria were published on the website. Papers were evaluated regarding their relevance to DMIN, originality, significance, information content, clarity, and soundness on an international level. Each aspect was objectively evaluated, with alternative aspects finding consideration for application papers. Each paper was refereed by at least two researchers in the topical area, taking the reviewers' expertise and confidence into consideration, with most of the papers receiving three reviews. The review process was competitive. The overall paper acceptance rate for papers was 49%.

We are very grateful to the many colleagues who helped in organizing the conference. In particular, we would like to thank the members of the program committee of DMIN'15 and the members of the congress steering committee. The continuing support of the DMIN program committee has been essential to further improve the quality of accepted submissions and the resulting success of the conference. The DMIN'15 program committee members are (in alphabetical order): Mahmoud Abou-Nasr, Jérôme Azé, James Buckley, Paulo Cortez, Kevin Daimi, Qin Ding, António Dourado, Philippe Fournier-Viger, Diego Galar, Peter Geczy, Zahid Halim, Tzung-Pei Hong, Wei-Chiang Hong, Sebastian Klenk, Terje Kristensen, Philippe Lenca, Stefan Lessmann, Wen-Yang Lin, Tanja Magoc, José M. Merigo Lindahl, Gerald Schaefer, Zhang Sen, Sabrina Senatore, Victor Sheng, Vijendra Singh, Robert Stahlbock, Ryszard Tadeusiewicz, Nicole Vincent, Baoying Wang, Chamont Wang, Simon Wang, Gary M. Weiss, Zijiang Yang, Yu Zhang, and Shang-Ming Zhou.

We would also like to thank our publicity co-chairs Ashu M. G. Solo (Fellow of British Computer Society, Principal/R&D Engineer, Maverick Technologies America Inc.) for circulating information on the conference, as well as www.KDnuggets.com, a platform for analytics, data mining and data science resources, for listing DMIN'15.

Considering the increasing efforts of all towards the quality of the review process, the conference sessions and the social program of DMIN'15, we are confident that you will find the conference stimulating and rewarding. It is a particular pleasure to provide data mining oriented invited talks and tutorials presented by the following esteemed members of the data mining community: Diego Galar (Luleå University of Technology, Sweden), and Peter Geczy (AIST, Japan).

The DMIN'15 conference organizers are also thankful to a number of co-sponsors, without whom the conference would not have been possible. As Sponsors-at-large, partners, and/or organizers each of the followings (separated by semicolons) provided help for at least one track of the World Congress: Computer Science Research, Education, and Applications Press (CSREA); US Chapter of World Academy of Science (http://www.world-academy-of-science.org/); American Council on Science & Education & Federated Research Council (http://www.americancse.org/); HoIP, Health Without Boundaries, Healthcare over Internet Protocol, UK (http://www.hoip.eu); HoIP Telecom, UK (http://www.hoip-telecom.co.uk); and WABT, Human Health Medicine, UNESCO NGOs, Paris, France (http://www.thewabt.com/). In addition, a number of university faculty members and their staff (names appear on the cover of the set of proceedings), several publishers of computer science and computer engineering books and journals, chapters and/or task forces of computer science associations/organizations from 4 countries, and developers of high-performance machines and systems provided significant help in organizing the conference as well as providing some resources. We are grateful to them all.

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Last but not least, we wish to express again our sincere gratitude and respect towards Prof. Hamid R. Arabnia (University of Georgia, USA); Coordinator of the federated congress, for his excellent and tireless support, organization and coordination of all affiliated events. His exemplary and professional effort in 2015 and all the years before in the WORLDCOMP steering committee makes these events possible!

Thank you all for your contribution to DMIN'15! We hope that you will experience a stimulating conference with many opportunities for future contacts, research and applications.

We present the proceedings of DMIN'15.

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