Guest Editor's Message

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We are delighted to have the twenty-first issue of the International Journal of Informatics Society (IJIS) published. This issue includes selected papers from the Eighth International Workshop on Informatics (IWIN2014), which was held at Prague, Czech Republic, Sep. 10-12, 2014. The workshop was the eighth event for the Informatics Society, and was intended to bring together researchers and practitioners to share and exchange their experiences, discuss challenges and present original ideas in all aspects of informatics and computer networks. In the workshop 24 papers were presented in five technical sessions. The workshop was successfully finished with precious experiences provided to the participants. It highlighted the latest research results in the area of networking, business systems, education systems, design methodology, groupware and social systems.

Each paper submitted IWIN2014 was reviewed in terms of technical content, scientific rigor, novelty, originality and quality of presentation by at least two reviewers. Through those reviews 15 papers were selected for publication candidates of IJIS Journal, and they were further reviewed as a Journal paper. This volume includes four papers among the accepted papers, which have been improved through the workshop discussion and the reviewers' comments.

We publish the journal in print as well as in an electronic form over the Internet. We hope that the issue would be of interest to many researchers as well as engineers and practitioners over the world.

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