

Guest Editor's Message

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We are delighted to have the twenty-ninth issue of the International Journal of Informatics Society (IJIS) published. This issue includes selected papers from the Ninth International Workshop on Informatics (IWIN2017), which was held at Zagreb, Croatia, Sept. 3-6, 2017. The workshop was the eleventh 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 33 papers were presented in eight technical sessions. The workshop was successfully finished with precious experiences provided to the participants. It highlighted the latest research results in the area of informatics and its applications that include networking, mobile ubiquitous systems, data analytics, business systems, education systems, design methodology, intelligent systems, groupware and social systems.

Each paper submitted IWIN2017 was reviewed in terms of technical content, scientific rigor, novelty, originality and quality of presentation by at least two reviewers. Through those reviews 16 papers were selected for publication candidates of IJIS Journal, and they were further reviewed as Journal papers. We have two categories of IJIS papers, Regular papers and Industrial papers, each of which were reviewed from the different points of view. This volume includes five 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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