



WI&C Workshop Chairs' Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure, and on behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to welcome you to the 5th International Workshop on **Web Intelligence & Communities (WI&C 2013)** taking place on May 14th in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and collocated with the *WWW 2013* conference.

This workshop, the fifth in a series of workshops, is intended to stimulate discussions on the forefront of research concerned with web intelligence applied to collaborative networks. Web Intelligence consists of a multidisciplinary area dealing with exploiting data and services over the Web, to create new data and services using both Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques. Communities appear as a first-class object in the areas of web intelligence and agent technologies, as well as a crucial crossroads of several sub-domains (i.e. user modelling, protocols, data management, data mining, content modelling, etc.). These sub-domains impact the nature of the communities and the applications which are related to them. These applications are numerous, and the success of well-known Social Network Sites for entertainment should not be allowed to over-shadow the other application domains, for instance in education, health, design, knowledge management, and so forth.

The workshop will provide presentation and discussion opportunities for researchers working on web intelligence applied to collaborative networks, such as virtual communities. The possibilities and consequences of the web usage for collaborative networks are tremendous and new tools are required to satisfy users and service providers.

We would like to thank all who submitted papers and our programme committee for their hard work. Thanks to the invited speaker, *Virgilio Almeida*, for his willingness to participate in WI&C 2013.

We hope that the scope of the WI&C 2013 will serve the interest of the scientific community, as well as the industry and the general public.

We look forward to your participation in the scientific program. We are delighted to see you in Rio de Janeiro!

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