Message from the PC Chairs

Welcome to the 2015 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM 2015)! In its fifteenth year, this conference continues to serve as an international forum for data mining researchers, students, practitioners and developers to exchange cutting-edge ideas, techniques, and experience.

This year we received a record 491 submissions. We recruited 154 Program Committee (PC) members along with 35 Senior Program Committee (SPC) members to help us with the review process. Each Program Committee member was assigned to at most ten papers while each Senior Program Committee member oversaw the review progress of twelve to fifteen papers.

A paper bidding phase was initiated among the reviewers once the submission deadline passed. Each submitted paper was then assigned based on their bids and subject areas to three Program Committee members to review. After the review deadline, the SPCs initiated and led discussions among the PC members. They then provided a final decision and a summary reflecting the reviews and discussions on their assigned papers. We evaluated these reviews and discussed with the SPCs regarding conflicting reviews. At the end of this process, 72 papers (14.66%) that we felt were of the highest quality were selected as full papers and another 36 papers (7.33%) were selected as posters. The overall acceptance rate is 22%. Many of the poster papers deserved full length presentation, but we were unable to accommodate them in the program. The oral presentation sessions, poster session, doctoral forum and tutorials give us a very full two and a half day technical program in addition to the final half day devoted to workshops.

We thank all the Program Committee members and external reviewers for their expert help with the challenging task of reviewing, discussing, and recommending papers. We particularly acknowledge the excellent help from the Senior Program Committee members: Aristides Gionis, Balaraman Ravindran, Carlotta Domeniconi, Diane Cook, Eammon Keogh, Evimaria Terzi, Wei Fan, Fosca Gianotti, Francesco Bonchi, George Karypis, Haesun Park, Hanghang Tong, Huan Liu, Hui Xiong, James Bailey, Jennifer Neville, Jian Pei, Jiawei Han, Jingrui He, Jun Liu, Jure Leskovec, Laks Lakshmanan, Minos Garofalakis, Myra Spiliopoulou, Philip Yu, Rajmonda Caceras, Sergei Vassilvitskii, Shivani Agarwal, Shuiwang Ji, Tamás Sarlós, Tanya Berger-Wolf, Tina Eliassi-Rad, Fei Wang, Wei Wang, Zhoujun Li. The conference could not occur without their help and the help of the many reviewers who so diligently undertook their duties.

We are sincerely grateful to all the SIAM staff members whose efforts have made our lives much easier. We thank Srinivasan Parthasarthy, Ke Wang, and Mohammed Zaki for sharing their experience and insights, for guiding us and providing excellent support and timely suggestions on many important issues. Perhaps most importantly, we thank the authors and attendees for this exchange of ideas and knowledge which is what SDM is all about.

We (the program committee, senior program committee, external reviewers, and ourselves) all dedicated much time to ensure the best possible program was put forward and we hope you enjoy the conference!

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Program Co-Chairs

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