With Barcelona, Spain, as the landscape, we welcomed the 2009 edition of the International Conference on e-Society (during 25 to 28 February, 2009).

The conference purpose was to address the main areas of concern within the Information Society. This conference covered both the technical as well as the non-technical aspects of the Information Society. The conference broad areas of interest were: eSociety and Digital Divide, eBusiness / eCommerce, eLearning, New Media and eSociety, Digital Services in eSociety, eGovernment /eGovernance, eHealth, Information Systems, and Information Management.

The IADIS e-Society 2009 Conference had 276 submissions from more than 43 countries. Each submission has been anonymously reviewed by an average of three independent reviewers, to ensure the final high standard of the accepted submissions. Out of the papers submitted, 56 received blind referee ratings that signified acceptability for publication as full papers (acceptance rate below 21%), while some others were published as short papers, reflection papers, posters and doctoral consortium. The best papers were selected to be published as extended versions in the IADIS International Journal on WWW/Internet (ISSN: 1645-7641).

In addition to the papers’ presentations, the conference also featured a keynote presentation given by Professor Jeremy Millard, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark, a tutorial by Professor Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium and a special talk by Carlo Maria Arpaia, senior official, Bank of Italy, Liaison with Treasury Department.
Keynote Presentation:
“CURRENT TRENDS AND FUTURE DRIVERS IN EGOVERNANCE – A VISION FOR 2020”
by Dr. Jeremy Millard, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark
by Dr. Zizi Papacharissi
Professor and Head, Department of Communication University of Illinois-Chicago, USA

Conference Tutorial:
“INFORMATION RETRIEVAL IN A WORLD OF SCATTERED INFORMATION SOURCES”
by Professor Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Special Talk:
“NET ECONOMIES AND PUBLIC FINANCE STATISTICS: THE SIOPE EXPERIENCE”
by Carlo Maria Arpaia, senior official Bank of Italy - Liaison with Treasury Department, Italy

Overall the Conference offered an opportunity to all their participants to discuss with success the most significant aspects regarding the theme Information Systems. It served as a forum that gathered researchers, practitioners, students and anyone that was working or studying in the field of the Information Systems.


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