The 7th International Conference on Web Based Communities (part of the IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems 2010) was held in Freiburg, Germany, 29-31 July, 2010.

This conference was organized by the International Association for Development of the Information Society (IADIS) and co-organized by Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg.

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The goal of this Conference was to publish and join together scientific results and act catalytically to the fast developing culture of web communities. It is increasingly important for our culture to bring people together and to promote dynamics in professional organizations, mutual understanding, learning and harmony. Creating "virtual communities" is one major way to do this. The submissions were accepted under the following main areas: The history, architecture and future of virtual communities; Group processes and self-organization; Cyborgs, teleworking, telemedicine, art games and learning communities, Expanding Markets through Virtual Communities and Virtual communities for people with special needs.

The Web Based Communities 2010 Conference had 28 submissions from more than 8 countries. Each submission had been anonymously reviewed by an average of five independent reviewers, to ensure the final high standard of the accepted submissions. The acceptance rate was below 19 %.

Extended versions of the best papers were selected to be published in:

- International Journal of “Web Based Communities” (IJWBC); ISSN: 1477 - 8394 (4 issues per year)

The conference, besides the presentation of full papers, short papers, reflection papers and posters, also offered one keynote presentation given by Professor Lu Wang, Department of Educational Technology, Capital Normal University, China), a workshop By Panos Lazanas, University of Johannesburg, South Africa and a symposium entitled “Web Communities for E-Participation” by Rose Marie Kaanen, Design-Factory, The Netherlands.
Keynote Presentation:

HOW SOCIAL NETWORK POSITION RELATES TO KNOWLEDGE BUILDING IN ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

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