

WebET 2014 Chairs' Welcome Message

Hwangyong-hamnida (Welcome) to Seoul and *The First International Workshop on Web-based Education Technologies (WebET 2014)*. It is an honor and privilege to be able to hold this workshop in conjunction with the 23rd International World Wide Web Conference (WWW 2014).



After a hiatus of several years it is important to bring a workshop on Web-based education issues back to the WWW conference. The Web, since its inception, has been recognized by the educational community as a powerful platform for teaching and learning. Educators were early adopters of the technology and have contributed greatly to its evolution. The WebET workshop aims at bringing together researchers and practitioners working on and with Web-based education systems and applications to discuss what are the emerging research, technical, social, and ethical issues and how to explore best to address them. The goal is to contribute to the birth of a community having a shared interest around Web-based Education Technologies and have generate sufficient momentum to conduct future workshops in the WWW conference series and at other events.

In response to the call-for-papers, this first edition of the workshop received 9 submissions by 23 authors from 10 different countries. Each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the program committee. As a result of the rigorous review process, 6 high-quality papers were accepted for presentation at the workshop and inclusion in the proceedings. In addition to paper presentations, the workshop also features a keynote address delivered by Prof. Peter Brusilovsky of the University of Pittsburgh (USA) and an invited talk by Prof. Jie Tang of Tsinghua University (China).

The workshop co-chairs wish to take the opportunity to thank all the members of the WebET 2014 Program Committee as well as the numerous reviewers, who shared their valuable expertise and time to make this workshop a success. They also kindly thank all the authors who submitted their papers for consideration.

The Organizing Committee of the WWW 2014 conference is acknowledged for making local arrangement for WebET 2014. Special thanks go to the Workshop Co-Chairs of WWW 2014 for their support.

We wish you an enjoyable stay in Seoul and we hope that you will find the workshop interesting and enlightening!

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