

# BigScholar 2014 Chairs' Welcome Message

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to *BigScholar 2014, The First WWW Workshop on Big Scholarly Data: Towards the Web of Scholars*. The workshop is held in Seoul, Korea, April 2014, as part of the 23rd International World Wide Web Conference (WWW 2014).



The BigScholar workshop aims at bringing together researchers and practitioners working on Big Scholarly Data to discuss what are emerging research issues and how to explore the Web of Scholars. Several core challenges, such as the tools and methods for analyzing and mining scholarly data will be the main center of discussions at the workshop. The goal is to contribute to the birth of a community having a shared interest around the Web of Scholars and exploring it using data mining, recommender systems, social network analysis and other appropriate technologies.

In response to the call-for-papers, this first edition of the workshop received 16 submissions by 51 authors from 12 different countries. Each paper was reviewed by at least two members of the program committee. As a result of the rigorous review process, 10 high-quality papers were accepted for presentation at the workshop and inclusion in the proceedings. In addition to paper presentations, the workshop also features one Invited Keynote Speech delivered by Prof. Hanghang Tong from City University of New York.

We take the opportunity to thank all the members of the BigScholar 2014 Program Committee as well as the reviewers who shared their valuable expertise and time to make the workshop a success. We also thank all the authors for submitting their papers to BigScholar 2014.

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

We wish all an enjoyable stay in Seoul with an enlightening workshop!

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