

# Preface

There are many topics in business information systems that deserve attention. The Business Information Systems (BIS) Workshops give researchers the possibility to share preliminary ideas and initial experimental results and to discuss research hypotheses. Past experience has shown that workshops are also a perfect instrument with which to create a community around very specific research topics. BIS workshops are an ideal place to challenge authors' research ideas with a well-focused audience. Finally, the discussions held during presentations strengthen the paper and prepare it for publication.

Four workshops took place during the 18th BIS conference. The PTDCS workshop was held in conjunction with BIS for the first time. It covered such topics as Transparency-Enhancing Technologies and Privacy Dashboards. We were proud to host AKTB for the seventh time. The workshop is well-known in research communities focused on knowledge-based business information systems. The sixth edition of BITA focused on challenges and the current state of business and IT alignment. Finally, the third edition of FSFE was also held. During this workshop, semantics usage in enterprises was discussed.

Additionally, the 4th DBpedia Community Meeting was organized in conjunction with BIS 2015. The meeting was organized in a workshop formula, and thus the best papers from this event are included in the book.

Workshop authors had the possibility to present their results and ideas in front of a well-focused audience; thus the discussion of the scholarly work presented was constructive and provided authors with new perspectives and directions for further research. Based on the feedback received, the authors had the opportunity to edit the workshop articles for the current publication.

This volume opens with two papers prepared by the BIS keynote speakers: Prof. Emanuele Della Valle and Dr. Harald Sack.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who made the BIS 2015 workshops successful. First of all, our workshop chairs, members of the workshop Program Committees, authors of submitted papers, invited speakers, and finally all workshop participants. We cordially invite you to visit the BIS website at <http://bis.kie.ue.poznan.pl/> and to join us at future BIS conferences.

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