Preface

This volume prints the proceedings of the ICWE 2015 Rapid Mashup Challenge (http://mashup.inf.usi.ch/challenge/2015/) that was held on June 23, 2015, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in conjunction with the 15th International Conference on Web Engineering (ICWE, http://icwe2015.webengineering.org/). The 2015 edition of the challenge is the first installment of a series of challenges that aim to engage researchers and practitioners in a competition for the best mashup approach. The next edition will be held at ICWE 2016 in Lugano, Switzerland.

The contributions contained in this volume are post-challenge extensions of initial, short-version proposals that served for the authors to express their interest to participate in the challenge with little effort and for the organizers of the challenge to select participants based on the interestingness and maturity of the proposals. The short versions of the contributions are available online in the program section of the challenge: http://mashup.inf.usi.ch/challenge/2015/program.html.

We would like to thank the authors for their excellent work before and after the challenge as well as for their commitment and engagement during the challenge itself. The presented tools and approaches are of course the core of the event and of this volume. We would also like to thank the jury that helped rate contributions and assure quality in the post-challenge preparation of the contributions printed in this volume. Of course, we would like to thank Springer, especially Aliaksandr Birukou, for promoting and publishing the proceedings of the challenge in their CCIS series, a choice that allowed us to provide a complete picture of the proposals the challenge attracted, without having to be too strict on the acceptance of contributions in the first place and allowing us to work together with the authors on their contributions in the post-challenge phase.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this volume and confident the reader will find the content interesting, inspiring, and – hopefully – also challenging.

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