# IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2022
## Message from the General Chairs

The IEEE/ACM conference on advances in social network analysis and mining (ASONAM) started in 2009 in Athens, Greece as an in-person conference series aimed at the presentation of new research in the analysis of on-line social activities. Due to COVID-19, it was decided to move the conference to an online format in 2020. Initially it was expected the virus would disappear by late 2020 so that the conference could revert to the in-person format in 2021, but the pandemic persisted with new waves of variants. So, it was decided that it would remain as an on-line virtual conference this year as well. Despite all the challenges and difficulties associated with the pandemic, we received a large number of submissions as another marker of the trust in the quality of ASONAM as a leading conference. This is clearly evidenced by the acceptance rate which has stabilized around 13-18% since ASONAM was organized in Istanbul, Turkey in 2012. Indeed, Athens was the city where ASONAM was born and Istanbul was the city where ASONAM showed the first signals of maturity and stability in terms of the number of submissions, acceptance rate and participation. This stability has been sustained since then and ASONAM now has its permanent position among the international top tier conferences. Every year, we invited authors of all papers presented at ASONAM and the co-located events to submit expanded versions of their manuscripts to the prestigious SNAM journal, NetMAHIB journal, or the LNSN series, which are characterized by their high visibility and fast processing of submissions. Special thanks go to Springer Nature for their continuous support since ASONAM started in 2009 and for their publishing prestigious venues, which have been well integrated with ASONAM for the benefit of both parties.

This year, we gathered hybrid over four days to witness interesting and exciting research achievements by various authors who presented full, short, or demo papers. To ensure a successful conference a large team of dedicated and motivated research leaders worked closely for twelve months both to promote the conference and to put together an attractive and intensive scientific program from the submissions to the conference program team. The program developed included interesting keynotes by Jiawei Han, Amit Sheth and Daniel Keim. The great achievements of the team contributed much to the visibility of ASONAM and we would like to thank all of them heartedly. Thank you to all organizers including honorary chairs, general chairs, program chairs, tutorial chairs, workshop chairs, demos track chairs, industrial track chairs, PhD track chairs, and multidisciplinary track chairs. We also appreciate the generous support received from the operational organizing team who have spent considerable time and effort handling daily issues and activities, answering emails, updating the Websites, etc. Special thanks to Min-Yuh, Panagiotis, Tansel, Mehmet, Diaylo, Jalal, Kashfia, Ahmed, Alireza, Aya, Busra, Deniz, Loubaba, Coskun, Malek, and Peter, who have worked hard to produce the proceedings, communicate with participants/authors, and handle the registration, budget, virtual setup and logistics. Indeed, without their highly appreciated effort it would have been very hard to maintain the high quality of service that has been a hallmark of this conference. For us, it is also important to thank the participants and the authors who submitted papers, as well as the program committee members and the reviewers who invested their valuable time and effort to provide timely and comprehensive reviews. We strongly encourage authors who could not get their papers accepted this year to submit again and try to get the opportunity and privilege to present their work at ASONAM in future years. With the hope that the pandemic will be over soon, and the situation will allow for in-person participation, next year ASONAM 2023 will be held in Istanbul, Turkey which is one of the most popular touristic destination.

The received feedback revealed how participants enjoyed ASONAM 2022 though hybrid organized. We look forward to receiving your new submissions and seeing you next year for ASONAM 2023.

**ASONAM 2022 General Chairs**

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