

IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2023

Message from Steering Chair

The conference on advances in social network analysis and mining (ASONAM) is back to Turkey across the Aegean Sea from Athens, Greece where ASONAM started in 2009. This year, ASONAM 2023 will mark the 15th anniversary of being the flagship, premier and leading venue in the rapidly growing domain of social network analysis and mining which emerged into one of the most well established and successful conferences. It is great pleasure to have the acceptance rate stabilizes 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 first signals of maturity and stability in terms of number of submissions, acceptance rate and participation. The stability sustained since then and ASONAM got its permanent position among top tier international conferences. Despite the low acceptance rate, researchers continue to trust ASONAM by submitting more papers every year. This has been realized by witnessing many returning participants who attended most of the previous nine editions of ASONAM.

Every year, authors of all papers presented at ASONAM and the co-located events are invited 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 to Springer Nature for having their various publication venues which have been well integrated with ASONAM to the benefit of both parties.

We gather over three days to witness interesting and exciting research achievements by various authors who present full, short, poster, or demo papers. However, a large team of dedicated and motivated research leaders work closely together for twelve months to put together the attractive and intensive scientific program. Their great achievements contribute much to the visibility of ASONAM. I would like to heartedly thank them all. Not to forget in particular 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 Day, Panagiotis Karampelas, Tansel Ozyer, Mehmet Kaya, Diaylo Steiman, and Jalal Kawash, who have worked hard to produce the proceedings, communicate with participants/authors, and handle the registration; also special thanks to the local arrangements team from Istanbul Medipol University. Indeed, without their highly appreciated effort it would have been really very hard to maintain the quality of the social program and keep the trend of providing rich meals and breaks during the conference and the excursion trip organized. Thank you to all organizers including general chairs, program chairs and the chairs of various tracks and workshops, to participants, to authors who submitted papers and to program committee members and the reviewers who invested their valuable time and effort to provide timely and comprehensive reviews. Hard luck to authors who could not get their papers accepted this year. They are strongly encouraged to submit again and try to get the opportunity and privilege to present their work at ASONAM in the coming years. Next year ASONAM 2024 will be held in Italy which is another one of the most popular touristic destinations. We expect a larger gathering and more success especially with the increased interest to analyze social media data for better homeland security. We look forward to having such techniques and results presented in future editions of ASONAM.

Enjoy ASONAM 2023 and Turkey. We look forward to receiving your new submissions and seeing you next year in Italy for ASONAM 2024.

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