## IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2023 Welcome from the ASONAM 2023 Program Chairs

On behalf of the members of the organizing committee and members of the technical program committee we welcome you to ASONAM 2023.

The ASONAM conference series brings together researchers from around the world to share the latest advances in the attractive field of Social Networks Analysis and Mining. The conference was initiated in 2009 at the Hellenic American University in Athens, Greece. ASONAM 2010 was held at the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, Denmark, followed by next editions at the National University of Kaohsiung (Taiwan), and in Istanbul (Turkey), Niagara Falls (Canada), Beijing (China), Paris (France), San Francisco (USA), Sydney (Australia), Barcelona (Spain), Vancouver (Canada), and Istanbul (Turkey).

This year, we received 145 submissions for the main conference. Each paper was reviewed by at least two program committee members who provided detailed and thorough reviews that helped us to finalize the decisions. We thank all PC members and the external reviewers for their hard work! Though most submissions are of good quality, we tried to maintain the low acceptance rates adapted since ASONAM started. After a discussion phase, we selected 24 submissions as full papers (acceptance rate  $\sim$ 17%) and 29 submissions as short papers (acceptance rate  $\sim$ 20%). Full and short papers were allocated 30 and 20 minute oral presentation slots in the program; demos also formed an integral part of the conference.

Participants will enjoy three keynote speeches by Hanghang Tong (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA), Mauro Barni (University of Siena, Italy), and Aawatif Hayar (Minister of Solidarity, Social Inclusion and Family, President of University Hassan II Casablanca, Morocco). Three tutorials have been selected for presentation during the first day: (1) The Rise of the Fediverse: Shaping the Future of Social Media Research through Mastodon by Lucio La Cava (DIMES Department, University of Calabria, Italy); (2) Building a Continuous Social Media Data Collection System by Jeremy Blackburn (Binghamton University, NY, USA); (3) Mining and analyzing temporal networks with graph evolution rules by Alessia Galdeman and Sabrina Gaito (University of Milan, Italy).

Besides the main conference program, the four-day ASONAM event includes two workshops. There are also three co-located events, the International Symposium on Foundation of Open Source Intelligence and Security Informatics (FOSINT-SI 2023), the International Symposium on Network Enabled Health Informatics, Biomedicine and Bioinformatics (HI-BI-BI 2023), and the International Symposium on Foundations and Applications of Big Data Analytics (FAB 2023).

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