The Fourth International Conference on Cloud Computing, GRIDs, and Virtualization (CLOUD COMPUTING 2013), held between May 27 and June 1, 2013 in Valencia, Spain, continued a series of events intended to prospect the applications supported by the new paradigm and validate the techniques and the mechanisms. A complementary target was to identify the open issues and the challenges to fix them, especially on security, privacy, and inter- and intra-clouds protocols.

Cloud computing is a normal evolution of distributed computing combined with Service-oriented architecture, leveraging most of the GRID features and Virtualization merits. The technology foundations for cloud computing led to a new approach of reusing what was achieved in GRID computing with support from virtualization.

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We hope that CLOUD COMPUTING 2013 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and for the promotion of progress in the areas of cloud computing, GRIDs and virtualization.

We are convinced that the participants found the event useful and communications very open. We hope that Valencia, Spain provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to explore this historic city.

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