

COLLA 2013

Foreword

The Third International Conference on Advanced Collaborative Networks, Systems and Applications (COLLA 2013), held between July 21 and July 26, 2013 in Nice, France, continued a series of events dedicated to advanced collaborative networks, systems and applications, focusing on new mechanisms, infrastructures, services, tools and benchmarks.

Collaborative systems became a norm due to the globalization of services and infrastructures and to multinational corporation branches. While organizations and individuals relied on collaboration for decades, the advent of new technologies (Web services, Cloud computing, Service-oriented architecture, Semantics and Ontology, etc.) for inter- and intra- organization collaboration created an enabling environment for advanced collaboration.

As a consequence, new developments are expected from current networking and interacting technologies (protocols, interfaces, services, tools) to support the design and deployment of a scalable collaborative environments. Innovative systems and applications design, including collaborative robots, autonomous systems, and consideration for dynamic user behavior is the trend.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the COLLA 2013 Technical Program Committee, as well as the numerous reviewers. The creation of such a broad and high quality conference program would not have been possible without their involvement. We also kindly thank all the authors who dedicated much of their time and efforts to contribute to COLLA 2013. We truly believe that, thanks to all these efforts, the final conference program consisted of top quality contributions.

Also, this event could not have been a reality without the support of many individuals, organizations, and sponsors. We are grateful to the members of the COLLA 2013 organizing committee for their help in handling the logistics and for their work to make this professional meeting a success.

We hope that COLLA 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 field of advanced collaborative networks, systems and applications.

We are convinced that the participants found the event useful and communications very open. We hope that Nice, France provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time to enjoy the charm of this city.

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