

# Preface

Welcome to the proceedings of the International Conference on Informatics and Management Science (IMS) 2012, which will be held in December 21–23, 2012, in Kunming, China.

IMS 2012 will be a venue for leading academic and industrial researchers to exchange their views, ideas and research results on innovative technologies, and sustainable solutions leading to Informatics and Management Science. The conference will feature keynote speakers, a panel discussion, and paper presentations.

The objective of IMS 2012 is to facilitate an exchange of information on best practices for the latest research advances in the area of Informatics and Management Science. IMS 2012 will provide a forum for engineers and scientists in academia, industry, and government to address the most innovative research and development including technical challenges, social and economic issues, and to present and discuss their ideas, results, work in progress, and experience on all aspects of Informatics and Management Science.

There was a very large number of paper submissions (2351). All submissions were reviewed by at least three Program or Technical Committee members or external reviewers. It was extremely difficult to select the presentations for the conference because there were so many excellent and interesting submissions. In order to allocate as many papers as possible and keep the high quality of the conference, we finally decided to accept 614 papers for presentations, reflecting a 26.1 % acceptance rate. We believe that all of these papers and topics not only provided novel ideas, new results, work in progress, and state-of-the-art techniques in this field, but also stimulated the future research activities in the area of Informatics and Management Science.

The exciting program for this conference was the result of the hard and excellent work of many others, such as Program and Technical Committee members, external reviewers, and Publication Chairs under a very tight schedule. We are also grateful to the members of the Local Organizing Committee for supporting us in handling so many organizational tasks, and to the keynote speakers for accepting to come to the conference with enthusiasm. Last but not

least, we hope you enjoy the conference program, and the beautiful attractions of Kunming, China.

With our warmest regards.

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