

Preface

It is our great pleasure to contribute to the international discourse on the broader research area of Business Information Systems, by enabling the organization of specialized workshops on emerging research themes in parallel to BIS conference sessions. We view this as a powerful tool towards a developmental, participatory approach that promotes sharing and shaping of new ideas, discussing experimental results, and debating different approaches to and perspectives on a variety of topics in Business Information Systems.

Five workshops took place during the 17th event of the BIS conference. Three workshops, DC, MODAPP, and TSRB, were held in conjunction with BIS for the first time. They covered such topics as digital currency, modern BIS applications, and cloud computing. AKTB was organized for the sixth time. During the workshop participants discussed knowledge-based business information systems. The fifth event of BITA consequently focused on business and IT alignment.

Workshops authors have a possibility to present their results and ideas in front of a well-focused audience; thus the discussion of presented scholarly work was constructive and provided to authors new perspectives and directions for further research. Based on the received feedback, authors had the opportunity to edit the workshops articles into the current publications.

The volume opens with a paper prepared by one of the BIS keynote speakers. The 27 articles contained in this volume are an extended version of papers accepted for BIS workshops. There were 53 submissions in total. Based on reviews, the respective workshop chairs accepted 27 in total, yielding an acceptance rate of 51.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the success of BIS workshops. Most of all, we wish to thank the workshop chairs, Program Committees, authors and invited speakers. We acknowledge the contribution of workshop participants who provided comments and insightful suggestions for the advancement of presented work. We believe that workshops co-located with BIS 2014 were an important element of building a research community around specific topics.

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