

# Preface

This book includes extended and revised versions of a set of selected papers from CLOSER 2013 (the 3rd International Conference on Cloud Computing and Services Science), held in Aachen, Germany, in 2013, and organized by the Institute for Systems and Technologies of Information, Control and Communication (INSTICC) and co-organized by RWTH Aachen University. The conference was also technically sponsored by SINTEF, International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and IEEE Cloud Computing.

The purpose of the CLOSER series of conferences is to bring together researchers, engineers, and practitioners interested in the emerging area of cloud computing. The conference has four main tracks, namely “Cloud Computing Fundamentals”, “Services Science Foundation for Cloud Computing”, “Cloud Computing Platforms and applications”, and “Cloud Computing Enabling Technology”.

CLOSER 2013 received 142 paper submissions from all continents. From these, 26 papers were presented as full papers, 24 were accepted as short papers and another 29 for poster presentation at the conference. These numbers, leading to a full-paper acceptance ratio of 18% and an oral paper acceptance ratio of 35%, show the intention of preserving a high quality forum for the next editions of this conference. Out of these, 8 papers were selected for presentation in this volume.

This book contains the revised papers selected among the best contributions taking also into account the quality of their presentation at the conference, assessed by session chairs. Therefore, we hope that you find these papers interesting, and we trust they may represent a helpful reference for all those who need to address any of the research areas above mentioned.

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