

# Preface

The current volume includes the research results presented at the Seventh International Conference on *Intelligent Decision Technologies* (KES-IDT 2015) which took place during June 17–19, 2015, in Sorrento, Italy.

KES-IDT is a well-established international annual conference, an interdisciplinary conference in nature, and this edition consisted of keynote talks, oral and poster presentations, invited sessions, and workshops on the applications and theory of intelligent decision systems and related areas. It provided excellent opportunities for the presentation of interesting new research results and discussion about them, leading to knowledge transfer and generation of new ideas.

Sorrento is a town and commune in Campania, southern Italy, with approximately 16,500 inhabitants. It is a popular tourist destination overlooking the Bay of Naples and providing stunning views of Naples, Vesuvius, and the Isle of Capri. It forms an ideal base for visiting historic sites, such as Pompei, or for touring the Amalfi coast.

KES-IDT 2015 received many high quality submissions and all papers have been reviewed by at least two reviewers. Following a rigorous reviewing process, not all submissions could be accommodated for presentation at the conference. Of these, 57 papers were accepted for presentation and included in this proceedings. We are very satisfied with the quality of the program and would like to thank the authors for choosing KES-IDT as the forum for presentation of their work. Also, we gratefully acknowledge the hard work of the KES-IDT international program committee members and of the additional reviewers for taking the time to review the submitted papers rigorously and select the best among them for presentation at the conference and inclusion in its proceedings.

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