

Preface

The 6th Scandinavian Conference on Information Systems, SCIS 2015, hosted in Oulu, Finland, was jointly organized by the OASIS and INTERACT groups of Faculty of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, University of Oulu, Finland.

SCIS 2015 highlighted the Scandinavian tradition of studying information systems, namely, with emphasis on the user: Designing for the user, with the user, and by the user.¹ Such a theme has characterized information systems research for decades, and it is still a vibrant topic, especially so within the Scandinavian tradition. The research themes of the conference and hence this volume nicely capture both user- and history-related aspects of the topic. The studies address design for, with, and by users, including design for disadvantaged users, design for preservation and usability, and means for creative design and development as well as studies addressing emerging information systems history research.

A total of 44 paper manuscripts were submitted for the conference. The evaluation was a careful doubleblind review process that included an average of 3.1 reviewers for any given paper. Finally, 16 papers were accepted for presentation at the conference and in these proceedings with the acceptance rate of 36 %. The event brought together researchers not only from Scandinavia and elsewhere in Europe, but also from other corners of the world, such as South Africa, Japan, Canada, and the USA.

SCIS 2015 had three outstanding keynote speakers: Yvonne Dittrich from IT University Copenhagen (Denmark), Jaana Porra from the University of Houston (USA), and Sampsa Hyysalo from Aalto University (Finland). These conference proceedings also contain contributions from the keynote speakers.

As in previous years, the SCIS conference was arranged in conjunction with the Information Systems Research Conference in Scandinavia, known as the IRIS conference, which began in 1978 and which with its 38th annual gathering is the oldest consecutive information systems conference in the world. IRIS is today organized as a working seminar between established researchers and doctoral students. The young researchers and their interest in information systems boded well for shaping the future of the field.

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¹ We wish to thank for inspiration: Briefs, U., Ciborra, C. U., & Schneider, L. (Eds.). (1983). *Systems Design For, With, and by the Users: Proceedings of the IFIP WG 9.1 Working Conference on Systems Design For, With, and by the Users*, Riva Del Sole, Italy, 20–24 September 1982. North Holland.

we would like to extend our warmest thanks to all those volunteers who contributed in so many ways to making this conference a successful and memorable event.

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