

Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 21st International Conference on Collaboration Technologies, CRIWG 2015. The conference was held during September 22–25, 2015, in Yerevan, Armenia. The conference is supported and governed by the Collaborative Research International Working Group (CRIWG), an open community of collaboration technology researchers. Since 1995, conferences supported by CRIWG have focused on collaboration technology design, development, and evaluation. The background research is influenced by a number of disciplines, such as computer science, management science, information systems, engineering, psychology, cognitive sciences, and social sciences.

The 26 submitted papers were carefully reviewed through a double-blind review process involving three reviewers appointed by the program chairs. In all, 11 submissions were selected as full papers and eight were selected as work in progress. Thus, this volume presents the most relevant and insightful research papers carefully chosen among the contributions accepted for presentation and discussion at the conference. The papers published in the proceedings of this year's and past CRIWG conferences reflect the trends in collaborative computing research and its evolution. There has been a growing interest in social networks analysis, crowdsourcing, and computer support for large communities in general. As is the tradition at CRIWG, the collaborative learning topic this year was also a prominently represented topic with four papers selected covering this topic in one way or another. This year there was strong participation from Chile and Germany, each having five papers. Also this year we also saw the growing participation of Japan and newcomers like Qatar and of course Armenia. There were also contributions from the USA, Canada, Brazil, and Spain.

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