

# Preface

We are pleased to present the proceeding of the International Conference on Soft Computing in Data Science 2015 (SCDS 2015). SCDS 2015 was held in the Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya Malaysia, during September 2–3, 2015. The theme of the conference was “Science in Analytics: Harnessing Data and Simplifying Solutions.” SCDS 2015 aimed to provide a platform for academics and practitioners to share their knowledge and experience in the area of soft computing in data science. Research collaborations between academia and industry can lead to the advancement of useful analytics and computing applications for providing real-time insights and solutions.

We were delighted that the conference attracted submissions from a diverse group of national and international researchers. We received 69 submissions, among which 25 were accepted. SCDS 2015 utilized a double-blind review procedure. All accepted submissions were assigned to at least three independent reviewers (at least two international reviewers) in order to have a rigorous and convincing evaluation process. A total of 55 international and 79 local reviewers were involved in the review process. The reviewers provided very good feedback and this helped in the selection of papers. The conference proceedings volume editors and Springer’s CCIS Editorial Board decided on the final selection of papers. Finally, 25 of the 69 submissions (36%) were accepted for the conference proceedings.

We would like to thank all researchers who submitted manuscripts to SCDS 2015. We thank the reviewers for volunteering to review the papers. We thank all conference committee members for their time, ideas, and efforts in organizing SCDS 2015. We also wish to thank the Springer CCIS Editorial Board, organizations, and sponsors that supported SCDS 2015.

We sincerely hope that SCDS 2015 provided a venue for sharing knowledge and publishing good research findings and new research collaborations. Last but not least, we hope everyone had an enjoyable and memorable experience at SCDS 2015 in Malaysia.

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