Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of the 10th KES Conference on Agent and Multi-Agent Systems—Technologies and Applications (KES-AMSTA 2016) held in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain, between 15 and 17 June 2016. The conference was organized by KES International, its focus group on agent and multi-agent systems and University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing. The KES-AMSTA conference is a subseries of the KES conference series.

Following the successes of previous KES Conferences on Agent and Multi-Agent Systems—Technologies and Applications, held in Sorrento, Italy (KES-AMSTA 2015); Chania, Greece (KES-AMSTA 2014); Hue, Vietnam (KES-AMSTA 2013); Dubrovnik, Croatia (KES-AMSTA 2012); Manchester, UK (KES-AMSTA 2011); Gdynia, Poland (KES-AMSTA 2010); Uppsala, Sweden (KES-AMSTA 2009); Incheon, Korea (KES-AMSTA 2008); and Wrocław, Poland (KES-AMSTA 2007), the conference featured the usual keynote talks, oral presentations and invited sessions closely aligned to the established themes of the conference.

KES-AMSTA is an international scientific conference for discussing and publishing innovative research in the field of agent and multi-agent systems and technologies applicable in the digital and knowledge economy. The aim of the conference was to provide an internationally respected forum for both the research and industrial communities on their latest work on innovative technologies and applications that is potentially disruptive to industries. Current topics of research in the field include technologies in the area of mobile and cloud computing, big data analysis, business intelligence, artificial intelligence, social systems, computer embedded systems and nature inspired manufacturing. Special attention is paid on the feature topics: business process management, agent-based modelling and simulation, anthropic-oriented computing, learning paradigms, and business informatics and gaming.

The conference attracted a substantial number of researchers and practitioners from all over the world who submitted their papers for main track covering the methodologies of agent and multi-agent systems applicable in the digital and

knowledge economy, and five invited sessions on specific topics within the field. Submissions came from 16 countries. Each paper was peer-reviewed by at least two members of the International Programme Committee and International Reviewer Board. 28 papers were selected for oral presentation and publication in the volume of the KES-AMSTA 2016 proceedings.

The Programme Committee defined the main track entitled Agent and Multi-Agent Systems and the following invited sessions: Agent-based Modeling and Simulation (ABMS), Business Process Management (BPM), Learning Paradigms and Applications: Agent-based Approach (LP:ABA), Anthropic-Oriented Computing (AOC), and Business Informatics and Gaming through Agent-based Modelling.

Accepted and presented papers highlight new trends and challenges in agent and multi-agent research. We hope that these results will be of value to the research community working in the fields of artificial intelligence, collective computational intelligence, robotics, dialogue systems and, in particular, agent and multi-agent systems, technologies, tools and applications.

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