

Preface

The Well-being in the Information Society (WIS) conference series celebrated its sixth biennial event this year. Started in 2006, the conference seems to be more at the heart of our societal and scientific needs than ever before. Much has been learnt during the first 10 years of the conference series and soon we will enter the teenage years, where new avenues and visions will surely emerge. Issues such as the global refugee crisis, rapid urbanization, circular economy, increasing digitalization, all-encompassing globalization, and a continually evolving understanding and knowledge of health and well-being are all at the very core of the long-term WIS agenda.

A key idea of the WIS conference series has been to take a multidisciplinary approach to well-being and rural and information society problems, as is witnessed by this year's program. A second key idea has been to encourage interaction between researchers and people doing daily practical work in the areas mentioned. The core of the conference has been scientific discussion documented in peer-reviewed scientific papers, but there has always been room for other contributions, too. This year we were very happy to be able to anchor our conference place and time to the WHO World Conference Safety 2016, whilst remaining an independent conference taking place beside that mega-event.

Well-being in the Information Society - Building Sustainable Health Ecosystems (WIS 2016) focused on innovations and fresh ideas at the cross-section of urban living, the information society, and health as understood in a wide sense.

We received high-quality contributions, based both on scientific research and practical experience. These papers clearly demonstrate the multidisciplinary nature of the conference. The accepted papers were organized within the following seven broad topics: 1. Macro level considerations of e-health and welfare, 2. Welfare issues of children, adolescents, young elderly, and seniors, 3. Analytics issues of e-health and welfare, 4. National/regional initiatives in e-health and welfare, and 5. Specific topics of e-health. The papers grouped within these topics span qualitative and quantitative analysis, empirical surveys, case studies, as well as conceptual work.

We are proud to have had very qualified, international keynote speakers at our conference: Dr. Ramesh Krishnamurthy, WHO; Prof. Kshanika Hirimburegama, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Dr. J. Marc Overhage, Chief Medical Informatics Officer for Cerner; Dr. Olli Kangas, The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela); Eva Jakobson Vaagland, Norwegian Safety Forum; Prof. Peeter Ross, Tallinn University of Technology; and Prof. Nilmini Wickramasinghe, Epworth Health Care and Deakin University, Australia. These keynote speakers presented cutting-edge information and innovation from the field.

Together with the keynotes, the accepted papers offered to all participants new perspectives and insights into sustainable health ecosystems, their drivers and barriers, theoretical foundations and methodologies, users' perspectives and user experiences, as well as national health IT ecosystems and their development. Additionally, we held

panels and workshops on relevant topics such as ecosystems in health information systems procurement, technology as a resource in elderly care, trust in digitalization, and big cities meet big data. All these contributions make the WIS 2016 conference a perfect forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

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We hope you all enjoyed a challenging, innovative, and fruitful conference with keynotes, scientific paper sessions, panels and the social program as well as good moments and new insights later when reading these proceedings.

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