

Preface

Systems analysis and design (SAND) is the classic field of research and education in the area of management information systems (MIS) or, as it is called more frequently in Europe – business informatics, almost from its origins. SAND continuously attracts the attention of both academia and business. The rapid and natural progress of ICT has generated the requirements for the new generation of methods, techniques, and tools of SAND, adequate for modern IS challenges. Therefore, international thematic conferences and symposia have become widely accepted forums for the exchange of concepts, solutions, and experiences in SAND. In particular, the Association for Information Systems (AIS) is undertaking the initiatives towards SAND's international development.

The objective of the EuroSymposium on Systems Analysis and Design is to promote and develop high-quality research on all issues related to SAND. It provides a forum for SAND researchers and practitioners in Europe and beyond to interact, collaborate, and develop their field. The Eurosymposia were initiated by Prof. Keng Siau as the SIGSAND – Europe Initiative. Previous EuroSymposia were held at:

- University of Galway, Ireland – 2006
- University of Gdansk, Poland – 2007
- University of Marburg, Germany – 2008
- University of Gdansk, Poland – 2011
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- University of Gdansk, Poland – 2014
- University of Gdansk, Poland – 2015

The accepted papers of Gdansk EuroSymposia were published in:

- 2nd EuroSymposium 2007: A. Bajaj, S. Wrycza (eds), Systems Analysis and Design for Advanced Modeling Methods: Best Practises, Information Science Reference, IGI Global, Hershey, New York, 2009
- 4th EuroSymposium 2011: S. Wrycza (ed) 2011, Research in Systems Analysis and Design: Models and Methods, series: LNBIP 93, Springer, Berlin 2011
- Joint Working Conferences EMMSAD/EuroSymposium 2012 held at CAiSE'12: I. Bider, T. Halpin, J. Krogstie, S. Nurcan, E. Proper, R. Schmidt, P. Soffer, S. Wrycza (eds.) 2012, Enterprise, Business-Process and Information Systems Modeling, series: LNBIP 113, Springer, Berlin 2012
- 6th SIGSAND/PLAIS EuroSymposium 2013: S. Wrycza (ed.), Information Systems: Development, Learning, Security, Series: Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing 161, Springer, Berlin 2013
- 7th SIGSAND/PLAIS EuroSymposium 2014: S. Wrycza (ed.), Information Systems: Education, Applications, Research, Series: Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing 193, Springer, Berlin 2014

- 8th SIGSAND/PLAIS EuroSymposium 2015: S. Wrycza (ed.), Information Systems: Development, Applications, Education, Series: Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing 232, Springer, Berlin 2015

There were three organizers of the 9th EuroSymposium on Systems Analysis and Design:

- SIGSAND – Special Interest Group on Systems Analysis and Design of AIS
- PLAIS – Polish Chapter of AIS
- Department of Business Informatics of University of Gdansk, Poland

SIGSAND is one of the most active SIGs with a substantial record of contributions for AIS. It provides services such as annual American and European Symposia on SIGSAND, research and teaching tracks at major IS conferences, listserv, and special issues in journals.

The Polish Chapter of the Association for Information Systems (PLAIS) was established in 2006 as the joint initiative of Prof. Claudia Loebbecke, former president of AIS and Prof. Stanislaw Wrycza, University of Gdansk, Poland. PLAIS co-organizes international and domestic IS conferences.

The Department of Business Informatics of the University of Gdansk conducts intensive teaching and research activities. Some of its academic manuals are bestsellers in Poland and the department is active internationally. The most significant conferences organized by the department were: the Xth European Conference on Information Systems ECIS 2002 and the International Conference on Business Informatics Research, BIR 2008. The department is a partner of the ERCIS consortium – European Research Center for Information Systems.

EuroSymposium 2016 had an acceptance rate of 40 %, with submissions divided into the following three groups:

- Information Systems Development
- Information Systems Management
- Information Systems Learning

The accepted papers reflect the current trends in the field of systems analysis and design.

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