

Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 23rd International Conference on Collaboration Technologies, CRIWG 2017. The conference was held during August 9–11, 2017, in Saskatoon, Canada. 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 33 submitted papers were carefully reviewed through a double-blind review process involving three reviewers appointed by the program chairs. In all, 14 submissions were selected as full papers and five 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 collaborative learning, collaboration through social media, participation in online communities, and techniques and approaches for collaboration technology design. This year there was strong participation from Canada and Chile, each having five papers, and then Germany with three papers, Japan and Brazil with two papers each, and Norway and USA with one paper.

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