

Preface

Big data analytics and knowledge discovery technologies have been growing over time and they are now a practical need in every major small or large company. The adoption of these technologies by researchers and industries encourages these companies to integrate heterogeneous, distributed, autonomous, and evolving data with high variety coming from traditional (databases) and advanced sources—such as sensors and social networks, IoT— into a single large database to enable advanced querying, analysis, and recommendation. With the explosion of the diversity of deployment platforms motivated by high-performance computing (HPC) and advanced programming paradigms, offering the process of retrieval, knowledge discovery from this huge amount of heterogeneous complex data and sentiment analysis forms the litmus test for research in this area. Faced with this volume of data managed by the new generation of data warehouses, companies are very sensitive to non-functional requirement satisfaction, by proposing mathematical cost models estimating different metrics such as query performance, elasticity, etc.

During the past few years, the International Conference on Big Data Analytics and Knowledge Discovery (DaWaK) has become one of the most important international scientific events bringing together researchers, developers, and practitioners to discuss the latest research issues and experiences in developing and deploying a new generation of data warehouses and knowledge discovery systems, applications, and solutions. This year's conference (DaWaK 2017) built on this tradition of facilitating the cross-disciplinary exchange of ideas, experience, and potential research directions. DaWaK 2017 sought to introduce innovative principles, methods, models, algorithms and solutions, industrial products, and experiences to challenging problems faced in the development of a new generation of data warehouses in the big data era, knowledge discovery, data-mining applications, and the emerging area of HPC.

This year we received 97 papers and the Program Committee finally selected 24 full papers and 11 short papers, making an acceptance rate of 25%. The accepted papers cover a number of broad research areas on both theoretical and practical aspects of new generations of data warehouses and knowledge discovery. In the area of big data, the topics covered included the modeling and designing of a new generation of data warehouses by considering the big data aspects, data flows, NoSQL databases, cloud computing, cost models, data streaming, advanced programming paradigms (map-reduce, Hadoop), query optimization, data privacy, multidimensional analysis of text documents, and data warehousing and big data for real-world applications such as agricultural trade data, air quality measurement, electrical vehicle, etc. In the areas of data mining and knowledge discovery, the topics included traditional data-mining topics such as frequent item sets, association, etc., and machine-learning techniques. It was especially notable that some papers covered emerging real-world applications with a special focus on social networks.

Due to the maturity of DaWaK, several editors of well-known journals support our conference. This year, we had three special issues of well-known journals: *Distributed and Parallel Databases*, Springer, *Journal of Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience*, Wiley, and *Transactions on Large-Scale Data- and Knowledge-Centered Systems*, TLDKS, Springer.

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Hope you enjoy the proceedings.

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