

# Preface

The European, Mediterranean, and Middle Eastern Conference on Information Systems (EMCIS) is an annual research event addressing the IS discipline from a regional as well as a global perspective. EMCIS has successfully helped to bring together researchers from around the world to freely exchange innovative ideas in a friendly atmosphere. EMCIS was founded in 2004 by Brunel University, London, UK and it is now an annual event. This year's event was organized by the University of Coimbra and the University of Lisbon, Portugal. Many respected collaborations have been established between different local universities across the destinations chosen each year and EMCIS still proves to attract many further partnerships.

EMCIS is one of the premier conferences in Europe and the Middle Eastern region for Information Systems academics and professionals, covering technical, organizational, business, and social issues in the application of Information Technology. EMCIS is dedicated to the definition and establishment of Information Systems as a discipline of high impact for the methodological community and IS professionals, focusing on approaches that facilitate the identification of innovative research of significant relevance to the IS discipline following sound research methodologies that lead to results of measurable impact.

EMCIS 2017 received 106 papers from 32 countries from all continents. The papers were submitted through the [easychair.com](http://easychair.com) online system and were sent for double blind review. The reviewers were either members of the conference committee or external. Papers submitted by the track chairs were reviewed by one conference co-chair and one member of the executive committee. The papers of the conference chairs and conference program chairs were reviewed by one senior external reviewer and one senior member of the executive committee. Overall, 53 papers were accepted by EMCIS 2017; 37 of them as full papers and another 16 as short papers submitted to one of the following tracks:

- Big Data and Semantic Web
- Cloud Computing
- Digital Services, Social Media, and Digital Collaboration
- e-Government
- Enterprise Systems
- Blockchain and Fintech
- Information Systems Security and Information Privacy Protection
- Healthcare Information Systems
- Management and Organizational Issues in Information Systems
- IT Governance

The papers were accepted for their theoretical and practical excellence and for the promising results they present. We hope that the readers will find the papers interesting and we are open for a productive discussion that will improve the body of knowledge on the field of Information Systems.

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