

Preface

This volume presents proceedings of the Twelfth International Conference on Dependability and Complex Systems DepCoS-RELCOMEX which took place in the Brunów Palace in Poland from 2nd to 6th July 2017.

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DepCoS-RELCOMEX is an annual conference series organized since 2006 at the Faculty of Electronics, Wrocław University of Science and Technology, formerly by Institute of Computer Engineering, Control and Robotics (CECR) and

now by Department of Computer Engineering. Its idea came from the heritage of the other two cycles of events: RELCOMEX (1977–89) and Microcomputer School (1985–95) which were organized by the Institute of Engineering Cybernetics (the previous name of CECR) under the leadership of Prof. Wojciech Zamojski, still the DepCoS chairman, so this year we can celebrate the 40th anniversary of its origins. In this volume of “Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing”, we would like to present results of studies on selected problems of complex systems and their dependability. Effects of the previous DepCoS events were published (in chronological order) by IEEE Computer Society (2006–09), by Wrocław University of Technology Publishing House (2010–12) and presently by Springer in “Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing” volumes no. 97 (2011), 170 (2012), 224 (2013), 286 (2014), 365 (2015) and 479 (2016).

Dependability is the contemporary answer to new challenges in reliability evaluation of complex systems. Dependability approach in theory and engineering of complex systems (not only computer systems and networks) is based on multidisciplinary attitude to system theory, technology and maintenance of the systems working in real (and very often unfriendly) environments. Dependability concentrates on efficient realization of tasks, services and jobs by a system considered as a unity of technical, information and human assets, in contrast to “classical” reliability which is more restrained to analysis of technical resources (components and structures built from them). Such a transformation has shaped natural evolution in topical range of subsequent DepCoS conferences which can be seen over the recent years. This edition additionally hosted the 7th CrISS-DESSERT Workshop devoted particularly to the challenges and solutions in analysis and assurance of critical infrastructure and computer (software and programmable logic-based) system safety and cybersecurity.

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