

OSNED 2018 Chairs' Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *WWW 2018 OSNED workshop (Online Social Networks and Media: Network Properties and Dynamics)*. Online Social Networks and Media (OSNEM) are one of the most disruptive communication platforms of the last 15 years with high socio-economic value. Within this framework, the network properties of OSNEM can be used to capture multiple phenomena related to OSNEM, at different logical layers, from a technical perspective (e.g., OSNEM data management and information diffusion), as well as a societal perspective (e.g., the OSNEM users' social structures). Moreover, the analysis of network dynamics represents one of the biggest challenges that emerged in recent years within the network science community.

Therefore, OSNED focuses on the analysis of OSNEM from the standpoint of its network properties and dynamics at all scales, from macro- to meso- (e.g., community) to micro (e.g., ego network) scales. We received 14 submissions from all around the world covering a broad range of topics in the scope of OSNED. After the review phase, the Technical Program Committee accepted 6 submissions as full papers, and 2 more as concise contributions (one in the special class of "disruptive ideas"). We are very pleased to present a well-balanced conference program that includes 2 full-paper sessions, and 2 keynotes.

We would have not been able to create such a strong program without the overwhelming enthusiasm of the authors in submitting their papers to OSNED. We thank you. We would like to acknowledge and thank the TPC for their support and hard work in providing detailed, constructive and timely reviews, that we are sure provided very useful feedback to the authors.

Topics covered by accepted papers include analysis of users' personal social networks, information diffusion, analysis of influence and social capital, viral phenomena, spambots detection, characterization of special classes of OSNEM users. We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the workshop will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world.

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