Message from the Conference Chairs

This volume consists of a number of selected papers that were presented at the 9th International Conference on Knowledge, Information and Creativity Support Systems (KICSS 2014) in Limassol, Cyprus, after they were substantially revised and extended.

Since the first KICSS in Ayutthaya in 2006, the International Conference on Knowledge, Information and Creativity Support Systems aims to facilitate technology and knowledge exchange between international researchers and scholars in the field of knowledge science, information science, system science and creativity support systems. After Ayutthaya (2006) KICSS was successfully held in Nomi (2007), Hanoi (2008), Seoul (2009), Chiang Mai (2010), Beijing (2011), Melbourne (2012) and Krakow (2013).

Supporting creativity is becoming one of the most challenging areas in the twenty-first century, with research on creativity support systems and relevant fields being emerging. KICSS 2014 covered all aspects of knowledge management, knowledge engineering, intelligent information systems, and creativity in an information technology context, including computational creativity and its cognitive and collaborative aspects.

Putting together KICSS 2014 was a team effort. First of all, we would like to thank the authors of all submitted papers. Furthermore, we would like to express our gratitude to the program committee and to all external reviewers, who worked very hard on reviewing papers and providing suggestions for their improvements.

This volume consists of 26 regular papers and 19 short papers. Moreover, we are proud and thankful to have two renowned keynote speakers at the 2014 edition of KICSS:

- Boris Stilman on "From Fighting Creative Wars to Making Ordinary Discoveries"
- Andrzej M.J. Skulimowski on "The Art of Anticipatory Decision Making" as well as a tutorial by Boris Stilman on "Discovering the Discovery of the No-Search Approach".

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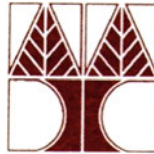
We hope that you will find the contents of this volume interesting and thought-provoking and that it will provide you with a valuable opportunity to share ideas with other researchers and practitioners from institutions around the world.

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