

WWW2016 PhD Symposium Chairs' Welcome Message

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the *PhD Symposium* that is held in conjunction with the 25th International World Wide Web Conference, April 11 – April 15, 2016, Montreal, Canada. The PhD Symposium of WWW2016 provides an excellent opportunity for PhD students at different stages in their research to present their ideas, and receive feedback on their work by experienced researchers and other PhD students working in research areas related to the World Wide Web.

The call for papers attracted 16 submissions from Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, United Kingdom, and the United States. The program committee reviewed and accepted 7 papers that cover a variety of topics including search and recommendation, web mining, social networks and graph analysis, crowdsourcing analysis, semantics and big data, among others. We hope that the program will serve as a valuable reference for researchers and developers in the field of World Wide Web.

Putting together the *WWW2016 PhD Symposium* was a team effort. We first thank the authors for their contributions to the program. We must also thank the program committee members for their invaluable efforts in reviewing papers and providing constructive feedback to authors. We are also grateful to the General Chairs, James Hendler and Roger Nkambou, the Local Organization Committee Members and ACM SIGs for their guidance, support and great help in the preparation and organization of this program.

We hope that you will find this program interesting and thought-provoking and that the PhD Symposium will continue its excellence and serve as an important forum for PhD candidates around the world to share their original research results in the field of World Wide Web.



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