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# Preface



We are pleased to present this special issue of Elsevier's Procedia Computer Science, which consists of the proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Knowledge - Based and Intelligent Information & Engineering Systems (KES2016) which was organised by KES International and held on September 5th to 7th, 2016 in York, United Kingdom.

Celebrating 20 years of KES conferences, KES2016 was the 20th event in a series of broad-spectrum intelligent systems conferences first held in Adelaide, Australia in 1997. The main aim of this KES conference series is to provide an internationally respected forum for the dissemination of research results and the discussion of issues relating to the theory, technologies and applications of intelligent information and knowledge-based systems.

This year, this truly international conference attracted a substantial number of researchers and practitioners from all over the world who submitted their papers to five general tracks and 28 special sessions on specific topics. Accepted and presented papers highlight the new trends and challenge of intelligent and knowledge-based systems. Each paper was peer reviewed by at least two members of the International Program Committee and International Reviewer Board. Out of a large number of submissions, more than 200 high-quality papers were accepted for oral presentation and publication in Procedia Computer Science, submitted for indexing in CPCi (ISI conferences), Engineering Index, and Scopus.

We would like to express our thanks to the Keynote Speakers - Professors Andreas Holzinger (Austria), Detlef Nauck (UK), Trevor Martin (UK), Itsuki Noda (Japan) and Takahashi Washio (Japan).

Our special thanks go to the Programme Co-chairs, General Track Chairs, all International Programme Committee members and reviewers for their valuable efforts in the review process which helped us to guarantee the highest quality of selected papers for the conference. We cordially thank the organisers and chairs of special sessions which make an essential contribution to the success of the conference.

Finally, we thank all the authors, presenters and delegates for their valuable contribution to making this a successful event.

We hope and intend that KES2016 makes a significant contribution to international collaboration and understanding which is essential to the furtherance of scientific excellence.

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