

Message from the **PhD Symposium Chairs**



We are very satisfied with the variety and the quality of the contributions selected for the WWW2012 PhD Symposium. This is due mainly to the work of the members of the Program Committee, who we thank for successfully completing such a difficult task. Indeed, the criteria taken into account while reviewing a PhD Symposium paper are uncommon ones. Firstly, all the retained papers are introducing innovative scientific ideas. Moreover, they are presenting work in progress, sometimes difficult to be evaluated, and well suited for receiving feedback from experienced researchers as well as from other PhD students working in related research areas.

The PhD Symposium is organized into six sessions split between Wednesday 4/18 and Friday 4/20. The first session, on Wednesday afternoon, will have an “annotation” flavor with three works introducing innovative ways of using user generated annotations. The second session, also on Wednesday afternoon, will host papers dealing with Information Retrieval issues in the context of the Web. The third one, on Thursday afternoon, is centered on works related to Social Networks approach applied to the Web. The fourth session, the same afternoon, includes papers aiming at extracting knowledge from the big Web graph. On the last day, the fifth session will be dedicated to works related to the Semantic Web. Finally, the last session, on Friday afternoon, will give us the opportunity of discovering works about innovative Web applications.

We hope you enjoy the Symposium!

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