

# Message from the Chair of IW3C2



## *My thoughts and wishes bend again towards France...*

On behalf of the International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2), the steering committee for this conference series, I welcome you to the 21st conference of our series. As you may already know, the World Wide Web was first conceived nearby, in 1989 by Tim Berners-Lee at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. The first conference of the series, WWW1, was held at CERN in 1994 and organized by Robert Cailliau. The IW3C2 was founded by Joseph Hardin and Robert Cailliau later in 1994 and has been responsible for the conference series ever since. I have personally been lucky enough to be part of this community since WWW2, when I co-authored a poster. After 1994 and 1995 (when two conferences were held each year), WWW became an annual event held in late April or early May.

The location of the conference generally rotates among the Americas, Europe, and Asia/Pacific. In 2001 we changed the conference designator from a number (1 through 10) to the year it is held; i.e., WWW'11 became known as WWW 2002. You may browse our website <http://www.iw3c2.org/> for information on past and future conferences. WWW 2016 is now open for bids, preferably from a host in the Americas. We encourage you to point interested parties to the "Host a Conference" section of the IW3C2's web site.

The International WWW Conference series provides the world with a premier forum about the development of the Web, the standardization of its associated technologies, and the Web's impact on society and culture. These conferences bring together researchers, developers, users, and vendors – indeed all of you who are passionate about the Web and what it has to offer, now and in the future. Part of what is exciting about this series is the cross boundary and eclectic nature of the topics covered, and the opportunity it provides for exploration of new directions, both tech-nological and social.

We thank Université de Lyon for co-organizing WWW 2012. We appreciate the cooperation of ACM which makes our conference the best in the Web area. Many thanks to all our WWW 2012 sponsors, who make this event possible.

We are excited about the opportunity to bring the conference series web community to France, and to Lyon, to share the culture, history, food, and technology of this beautiful city with all of you. We thank the general chairs Alain Mille, Fabien Gandon, and Jacques Misselis, organization committee co-chairs Luc Mariaux and Laurent Flory, and project manager Maud Charaf for all their hard work. Let us all take this opportunity to learn new things in technology, in culture, and in business, from each other!

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