PREFACE

As a conference proceedings reflect the current interests of researchers and the state-of-the-art in the field, so a Doctoral Consortium proceedings reflect the future promise of the field—the budding talent, interests and imagination of future researchers, as well as the hopes and vision of their academic supervisors!

Judging from the quantity and quality of papers in this proceedings of the Doctoral Consortium of ICADL/APIS 2016 Conference, the future of the Information Science field is very bright indeed in Asia.

Nineteen papers are presented by PhD students, mainly from Southeast and East Asian countries. They reflect a wide range of technical interests including semantic web, linked data, ontologies, machine-learning, network analysis, topic modelling, topic detection, digital modelling and preservation, eye-tracking data, recommender systems, and information retrieval—with applications in Web archiving and digital preservation, heritage and history, government open data, reading and learning, information behavior in social media and other digital environments, and information science education.

The papers here reflect the initial stages of conceptualization and methodological design in PhD research projects. In the course of the Doctoral Consortium, experienced professors will mentor and guide the students to further refine and sharpen their research conceptualizations, in a nurturing and encouraging environment.

The Doctoral Consortium at ICADL conferences have always been an exciting time of exploring new ideas and research frontiers, and deep intellectual discussions among both budding and experienced researchers. And we expecting the Doctoral Consortium at ACDL/APIS 2016 to be no different!

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