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Foreword

Welcome to the proceedings of WikiSym + OpenSym 2013, the 9th international symposium on open collaboration!

Open collaboration is collaboration that is egalitarian (everyone can join, no principled or artificial barriers to participation exist), meritocratic (decisions and status are merit-based rather than imposed) and self-organizing (processes adapt to people rather than people adapt to predefined processes). [1]

This year in the successful series of WikiSym conferences is marked by a new development, the introduction of OpenSym. OpenSym is a new conference, co-located with WikiSym. Where WikiSym originally (2005) was about "wikis" and later (2009) about "Open Collaboration", OpenSym is only about "open collaboration" and WikiSym is joining it in this both broader and sharper focus, hence "WikiSym + OpenSym 2013, the 9th international symposium on open collaboration". We expect this co-location to continue.

WikiSym + OpenSym 2013's rich program addresses researchers, industry, and community. These proceedings try to capture what is going on at the conference but can only do so in a limited way. Much more than can be captured here is going on in open space, a facilitated meeting track, and much more is happening in the hallways where participants meet, greet, and engage.

WikiSym plays an important role for wiki research in general and Wikipedia research in particular. With the addition of OpenSym it became apparent that a better structure for the research part of the conference would be based on research tracks. Hence we introduced the following tracks:

- Open collaboration (wikis, social media, etc.) research (WikiSym)
- Wikipedia research (WikiSym)
- Free, Libre, and Open Source Software (OpenSym)
- Open Access (OpenSym)

In the future, we intend to add an open data and an open innovation track to OpenSym and a combined WikiSym + OpenSym.

In total, WikiSym + OpenSym 2013 accepted 22 research papers (short and full) out of 43 research paper submissions for publication in these proceedings. We also accepted three research posters.

In addition, WikiSym + OpenSym accepted four "research-in-progress presentations" for presentation at the conference. Research-in-progress presentations are submissions that successfully passed full research paper peer review, but where the authors explicitly preferred to have their work not published through the proceedings and only wanted to give a research talk at the event. This style of submission caters to research disciplines where conference publications don't count for much, despite a high-quality peer review. We assure the reader that the research-in-progress submissions that have been accepted and that are represented using an abstract only in these proceedings are as good as the regular research papers.

Finally, a number of experience report, demo, poster, workshop, and tutorial submissions were received. Those accepted for the conference can also be found in these proceedings in abstract form.

A doctoral symposium to provide feedback for the next generation of researchers rounds out the WikiSym + OpenSym 2013 proceedings.

We hope that you will enjoy the work presented here and that it provides you with a glimpse of the diversity and energy of the actual live event!

For the WikiSym + OpenSym 2013 conference committee

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[1] See <u>http://opensym.org/about/definition</u> and <u>http://www.wikisym.org/2012/09/28/definition-of-open-collaboration/</u>



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