

CONFENIS Special Session on the International Symposium on Electronic Marketplace Integration & Interoperability (EM2I'07)

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EM2I'07 is a new venue for presenting state-of-the-art research and development achievements in the design, introduction, and use of integration technology for electronic marketplaces that affect business interoperability between firms and within supply chains. Although traditional forms of e-marketplaces such as intermediaries, supplier portals, and content hubs are an important area of focus, integration technology is increasingly supporting a much wider range of business interoperability that enables contextually heterogeneous enterprises to semantically work together beyond operational transactions. As more and more firms in all regions of the globe are able to interact online, we are rapidly moving toward an integrated global e-marketplace consisting of loosely coupled vertical, horizontal, and regional e-marketplaces.

This CONFENIS Special Session aims at providing a multi-disciplinary forum and encourages participation of people from diverse backgrounds, cultures and perspectives. It welcomed contributions from researchers and practitioners in all sectors, including academia, industry, and government.

All submissions received were single-blind peer reviewed by at least two members of the international program committee as follows:

Grigoris Antoniou (University of Crete, Greece), Asuman Dogac (Middle East Technical University, Turkey), Zhiguo Gong (University of Macau, Macao, China), Martin Hepp (University of Innsbruck, Austria), Kenneth L. Kraemer (University of California (Irvine), USA), Sang-goo Lee (Seoul National University, Korea), Haifeng Shen (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore), Hua Wang (University of Southern Queensland, Australia), and Rolf T. Wigand (University of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA).

In total, we received 12 submissions from 7 countries. Based on the review reports, we accepted two full papers and two short papers, which amount to an acceptance rate of 33.3%.

We would like to thank the program committee members and authors for all of their hard work on what promises to be an exciting, lively symposium. We hope that EM2I'07 will help exchanging new ideas and networking and sharing ideas. More information on EM2I'07 is available on the homepage at <http://www.em2i.org>.