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## **Preface to the SocInfo 2014 Proceedings**

This volume contains the papers presented at the satellite workshops at SocInfo 2014, the Sixth International Conference on Social Informatics. Workshops were held on November 10, 2014, in Barcelona, Spain.

SocInfo is an interdisciplinary venue for researchers from Computer Science, Informatics, Social Sciences, and Management Sciences to share ideas and opinions, and present original research work on studying the interplay between socially-centric platforms and social phenomena. The ultimate goal of Social Informatics is to create a better understanding of socially-centric platforms not just as a technology, but also as a set of social phenomena. To that end, we have invited interdisciplinary papers, on applying information technology in the study of social phenomena, on applying social concepts in the design of information systems, on applying methods from the social sciences in the study of social computing and information systems, on applying computational algorithms to facilitate the study of social systems and human social dynamics, and on designing information and communication technologies that consider the social context.

This year SocInfo 2014 included nine satellite workshops: the City Labs Workshop, the Workshop on Criminal Network Analysis and Mining (CRIMENET), the Workshop on Interaction and Exchange in Social Media (DYAD), the Workshop on Exploration of Games and Gamers (EGG), the Workshop on HistoInformatics, the Workshop on Socio-Economic Dynamics, Networks and Agent-based Models (SEDNAM), the Workshop on Social Influence (SI), the Workshop on Social Scientists Working with Start-ups, and the Workshop on Social Media in Crowdsourcing and Human Computation (SoHuman).

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