The 11th edition of the **International Conference on Web Based Communities and Social Media** (part of the IADIS Multi Conference on Computer Science and Information Systems) was held in Lisbon, Portugal, during **17 -19 July, 2014**.

This conference was organized by the International Association for Development of the Information Society (IADIS).

The World Wide Web has migrated from information space into opportunities for social communication. Social Media are growing rapidly and play an increasingly important role in the development of Online Communities. They are all about identity, reputation, presence and relationships. Web based communities announce themselves both in our professional and private life through several new media such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Plaxo, etc. In order to keep up to date with the pace of these new technological developments this IADIS Conference offers a dedicated overview and informative discussion on today’s most relevant issues in new media for social life on the web.

The mission of this conference was to publish and integrate scientific results and act catalytically to the fast developing culture of web communities, while helping to disseminate and understand the latest developments social media and their impact. Submissions were accepted under the following seven main topics: The History, Architecture and Future of Virtual Communities; Cyborgs, Teleworking, Telemedicine, Art Games and Learning Communities; Virtual Communities for People with Special Needs; Group Processes and Self-Organization; Expanding Markets through Virtual Communities; Virtual Communities for People with Special Needs and Social Media.

In 2014, this conference was published jointly with: ICT, Society and Human Beings 2014, e-Commerce 2014, Information Systems Post-Implementation and Change Management 2014 and e-Health 2014 These events received 223 submissions from more than 34 countries. Each submission was anonymously reviewed by an average of five independent reviewers, to ensure that accepted submissions were of a high standard. Consequently only 36 full papers were approved which means an acceptance rate of 16%. A few more papers were accepted as short papers, reflection papers and posters.

Extended versions of the best papers were selected to be published in:

- International Journal of "Web Based Communities" (IJWBC); ISSN: 1477 – 8394 (4 issues per year)

Besides the presentation of full papers, short papers, reflection papers and posters the conference program also features one keynote presentation by Dr. Niki Lambropoulos, Wire Communications Laboratory, University of Patras, Greece & Global Operations Division, London, UK.
**Keynote Presentation:**

**WE USE. WE CREATE. WE BECOME. WE SUCCEED: MODELING OUR 21ST CENTURY INFORMATION SOCIETY**

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