Preface

This volume contains papers presented at the 13th International Conference on Informatics in Schools: Situation, Evolution, and Perspectives (ISSEP 2020). The conference was held at the Tallinn University, November 16–18, 2020. Due to COVID-19 related travelling restrictions for the majority of participants the conference had to be switched to partly online format.

ISSEP is a forum for researchers and practitioners in the area of Informatics education, in both primary and secondary schools. The conference provides an opportunity for educators and researchers to reflect upon the goals and objectives of this subject matter, its curricula, various teaching and learning paradigms and topics, as well as the connections to everyday life — including the various ways of developing Informatics Education in schools.

This conference also has a focus on teaching/learning materials, various forms of assessment, traditional and innovative educational research designs, the contribution of informatics to the preparation of individuals for the 21st century, motivating competitions, and projects and activities supporting informatics education in schools. The ISSEP series started in 2005 in Klagenfurt, with subsequent meetings held in Vilnius (2006), Torun (2008), Zurich (2010), Bratislava (2011), Oldenburg (2013), Istanbul (2014), Ljubljana (2015), Münster (2016), Helsinki (2017), St. Petersburg (2018), and Larnaca (2019). The 13th ISSEP conference was hosted by Tallinn University in Estonia.

The conference received 53 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by up to four Program Committee members who evaluated the quality, originality, and relevance to the conference of all the submissions. This volume contains selected 14 regular papers and 4 short papers.

We would like to thank all the authors who responded to the call for papers and all the members of the Program Committee.

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