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Preface

Welcome to the 2008 Workshop on Social Web and Knowledge Management (SWKM 2008). The focus of this event is the *social web*, possibly the most interesting part of the Web 2.0, which aims at facilitating and enriching means of interaction among people on the Web. It is characterised by a strong emphasis of communities where people share experiences, information and knowledge, meet and discuss, or do business together. *Knowledge management* systems, with their core focus on knowledge exchange and experience sharing, can benefit from the advancement of the social web. Both areas share a common interest in social structures and social computing, and web-centred approaches can provide the underlying platform for innovative knowledge management systems.

SWKM 2008 brings together people from the areas of social web technologies, semantic systems, and knowledge management. The workshop's major goal is to study and elaborate possible synergies between social computing, social web, semantic technologies, and knowledge management, and to provide a glimpse at the state of the art in the area.

The SWKM 2008 workshop has received fifteen submissions out of which six were selected for presentation and publication in these proceedings. The accepted contributions span across various topics such as generation of user profiles from folksonomies, maintenance costs for large hyperstructures in wikis, computation of access permissions based on social networks, tagging, link sharing, and service integration for cultural heritage.

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