WISE 2007 was held in Nancy, France, during December 3–6, hosted by Nancy University and INRIA Grand-Est. The aim of this conference was to provide an international forum for researchers, professionals, and industrial practitioners to share their knowledge in the rapidly growing area of Web technologies, methodologies and applications. Previous WISE conferences were held in Hong Kong, China (2000), Kyoto, Japan (2001), Singapore (2002), Rome, Italy (2003), Brisbane, Australia (2004), New York, USA (2005), and Wuhan, China (2006).

The call for papers created a large interest. Around 200 paper submissions arrived from 41 different countries (Europe: 40%, Asia: 33%, Pacific: 10%, North America: 7%, South America: 7%, Africa: 2%). The international Program Committee selected 40 full-papers (acceptance rate of 20%) and 18 short papers (acceptance rate of 9%). As a result, the technical track of the WISE 2007 program offered 13 sessions of full-paper presentation including one industrial session and 5 sessions of short papers. The selected papers cover a wide and important variety of issues in Web information systems engineering such as querying; trust; caching and distribution; interfaces; events and information filtering; data extraction; transformation and matching; ontologies; rewriting, routing and personalization; agents and mining; quality of services and management and modelling. A few selected papers from WISE 2007 will be published in a special issue of the World Wide Web Journal, by Springer. In addition, $1000 value was awarded to the authors of the paper selected for the “Yahiko Kambayashi Best Paper.”

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We hope that the present proceedings will contain enough food for thought to push the Web towards many exciting innovations for tomorrow’s society.

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