

## IEEE/ACM ASONAM 2020

### Message from the General Chairs

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*“The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry” (after Robert Burns).*

The initial announcement for the twelfth ASONAM Conference in 2020 invited to submit research papers and special sessions proposals to the

Social Networks Analysis and Mining (ASONAM 2020)  
The Hague, Netherlands / 3-6 August 2020.

During the Spring of 2020 it became clear that the coronavirus epidemic was affecting every human activity that included meetings and travel such as for example international conferences. It was therefore decided to move the ASONAM conference to later in the year and change the conference to an on-line only conference with no travel and only remote attendance meeting. The final announcement was therefore:

ASONAM 2020-The 2020 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining 7-10 December 2020, ~~The Hague, Netherlands~~ (Virtual).

We were delighted to welcome you to ASONAM 2020 held as a virtual conference. It was the twelfth annual conference in the successful ASONAM conferences series and also the first virtual version of the conference. Previous ASONAM conferences were held in Athens (2009), Odense (2010), Kaohsiung (2011), Istanbul (2012), Niagara Falls (2013), Beijing (2014), Paris (2015), San Francisco (2016), Sydney (2017), Barcelona (2018), Vancouver (2019). The previous locations of the conferences enabled the participants to enjoy local sights and to engage in person-to-person interactions, making new contacts and form new scientific collaborations. These possibilities were only available in a limited sense in the virtual conference form.

The conference had an exciting technical program and four distinguished keynote speakers that formed the core of a varied and interesting program of talks, poster presentations and workshops. These proceedings are a record of the conference submissions.

We would like to thank all authors for their hard work and understanding during the hardship times of pandemic. We would like to appreciate the reviewers, committee members and tracks and workshop organizers for their valuable contributions to the success of this conference edition.

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