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### Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 9<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN 2016) taking place on May 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence is organized biannually by the Hellenic Artificial Intelligence Society (EETN). It has already been established as one of the most prominent forums for Greek and International AI scientists to present original and high-quality research on emergent topics of Artificial Intelligence. SETN 2016 highly encourages international participation. The official language of the conference is English.

SETN was first held in 1996 (University of Piraeus) and then in 2002 (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki). Since then it has occurred biannually: at the University of the Aegean (2004, 2008), the University of Crete (2006), the NCSR Demokritos (2010), the University of Central Greece (2012) and the University of Ioannina (2014). Over the years, SETN has become one of the premier events for the discussion and dissemination of research results in the field of AI, produced mainly by Greek scientists from institutes both in Greece and around the world. The two major goals of the conference are (a) to promote research in AI, one of the most exciting and active research areas in computer science and engineering and (b) to bring together scientists and engineers from academia and industry to discuss the challenging problems encountered and the solutions that could be adopted.

SETN 2016 received 68 submissions from 16 different countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania, and on several different topic areas such as Constraint Satisfaction Problems, Planning and Search, Agents, Machine Learning, Evolutionary Algorithms and Neural Networks, Pattern Recognition and AI applications. Each submission was carefully reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee, as well as by the chairs of the PC. From the 68 submissions, 23 were accepted as full papers and 16 as short papers for presentation at the conference, in 8 sessions, and publication in the electronic proceedings and the ACM Digital Library.

The technical program of the conference also includes 2 distinguished keynote addresses from two prominent members of the AI community, Prof. Angelo Cangelosi from Plymouth University, and Johannes Fürnkranz from Technical University of Darmstadt, 1 nectar paper session, 2 workshops, 1 tutorial and a Robotic Demo session.

Constructive reviewer feedback is one of the keys to a high-quality conference year after year because it encourages each of us, as a researcher, to make our work more complete, or reach a little further. We would like to thank all the members of the SETN 2016 Program Committee for their hard work which made this 9<sup>th</sup> conference in SETN series possible. We acknowledge our distinguished invited speakers for their insightful keynotes. We also thank all the authors for choosing SETN as a forum to publish their research results. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the SETN Organizing Committee for their valuable support and arrangements.

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We hope you enjoy the excellent academic and cultural atmosphere of the SETN 2016.

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