# **EMERGING 2012**

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The Fourth International Conference on Emerging Network Intelligence (EMERGING 2012) held on September 23-28, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain, constituted a stage to present and evaluate the advances in emerging solutions for next-generation architectures, devices, and communications protocols. Particular focus was aimed at optimization, quality, discovery, protection, and user profile requirements supported by special approaches such as network coding, configurable protocols, context-aware optimization, ambient systems, anomaly discovery, and adaptive mechanisms.

Next-generation large distributed networks and systems require substantial reconsideration of existing 'de facto' approaches and mechanisms to sustain an increasing demand on speed, scale, bandwidth, topology and flow changes, user complex behavior, security threats, and service and user ubiquity. As a result, growing research and industrial forces are focusing on new approaches for advanced communications considering new devices and protocols, advanced discovery mechanisms, and programmability techniques to express, measure, and control the service quality, security, environmental and user requirements.

We take here the opportunity to warmly thank all the members of the EMERGING 2012 technical program committee as well as the numerous reviewers. The creation of such a broad and high quality conference program would not have been possible without their involvement. We also kindly thank all the authors that dedicated much of their time and efforts to contribute to the EMERGING 2012. We truly believe that thanks to all these efforts, the final conference program consists of top quality contributions.

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We hope the EMERGING 2012 was a successful international forum for the exchange of ideas and results between academia and industry and to promote further progress in emerging technologies.

We hope Barcelona provided a pleasant environment during the conference and everyone saved some time for exploring this beautiful city.

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