
Editorial

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Simulation and process modelling have been among most attractive research fields in the recent past. At present, owing to the fast development in internet technologies, simulation and process modelling are finding their application to a range of complex networking systems and distributed computing paradigms, including cloud computing, wireless sensor networks, delay-tolerant networks, etc. Indeed, advancement in these fields requires the modelling and evaluation of novel algorithms, architectures, implementations, processes, and security, and therefore modelling and simulation has become crucial.

This special issue on 'Modelling and simulation in complex networking systems' follows from papers presented at the 6th CISIS-2012/ICLS-2012 held in Palermo, Italy, from 4–6 July 2012. The six papers present research findings on a number of related topics of modelling and simulation, and propose novel solutions along with discussion on future trends in this field. The special issue also identifies challenges in the field of simulation and process modelling in an interdisciplinary research field of complex networking systems. We hope readers, researchers

and practitioners will find the special issue useful for their activities in the research area of simulation and modelling of complex networking systems.

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