Preface
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The International Association for eScience (IAFeS) was founded in December 2013 in Vienna by members from Great Britain, Greece, Romania, Finland and Austria. Since that moment, new institutional and individual members joined each year. They are all working together in order to achieve the aims of the association: to promote development, education and research in all areas of eScience and especially to encourage young researchers in these areas by offering an exchange platform for international co-operation.

Each year, the association organizes a conference called NETTIES (Networking Entities). The first edition was organized in 1994 in Vienna, Austria, under the umbrella of EATA (European Association for Telematics Applications). As a continuator of that association, IAFES continued to organise the NETTIES conference.

The 16th edition NETTIES 2018 conference took place between 3 - 5 May 2018, in the beautiful Corfu Island, Greece, being hosted by the Reading Society of Corfu.

The subject of the conference was "Access to Knowledge in the 21st Century. The Interplay of Society, Education, ICT and Philosophy". The NETTIES conference this year attracted researchers and presenters from Greece, Austria, Romania, United Kingdom, Spain, Finland, Kosovo and China, as well as participants from some other countries. As the addressed subject was quite broad and generous, the presented communications have been grouped in different sections: Philosophy & Knowledge, Copyright & Open Access, Technology, Society & Business and Education.

This book contains the proceedings of the conference in the hope that readers will be inspired to follow up on the research and ideas within.

As usually, at the end of the conference, the Board of IAFeS took into consideration different offers for hosting the next year conference. So, waiting to meet you again for the 17th NETTIES conference in Pristina, Kosovo!

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