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Venue

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the University of Thessaly
Sekeri & Cheiden st., Pedion Areos, 383 34, Volos, Greece

Conference Program



PCI 2021 Program Overview

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ROOM A

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Soft Computing in Software Engineering

- Christos Bazinas, Eleni Vrochidou, Chris Lytridis and Vassilis G. Kaburlasos. *Yield Estimation in Vineyards Using Intervals' Numbers Techniques*
- Efthimios Lallas, Ilias Santouridis, Georgios Mountzouris, Vassilis. C. Gerogiannis and Anthony Karageorgos. *An Ontology based Conceptualization of Data Integrity Regulatory Compliance in Pharmaceutical Industry: The SPuMoNI Case*
- Dimitrios Tzimos, Vassilis Gerogiannis, Le Hoang Son and Anthony Karageorgos. *A Recommender System based on Intuitionistic Fuzzy Sets for Software Requirements Prioritization*
- George Sidiropoulos, Chairi Kiourt, Vasileios Sevetlidis and George Pavlidis. *Shaping the Behavior of Reinforcement Learning Agents*
- Kiriakos Alexiou, Efthimios Pariotis, Theodoros Zannis, Stylianos Polyzos and Helen Leligou. *Comparative evaluation of Machine Learning algorithms and Physical based models for the prediction of Vessel Speed in real life applications.*

16:40 – 17:00

Coffee break

17:00 – 19:30 **SESSION 3A (Special Session) / Chairs N. Karanikolas, C. Skourlas (UNIWA, GR)**

Retrieval and Dissemination of Information

- Konstantinos Stakoulas, Konstantinos Georgiou, Nikolaos Mittas and Lefteris Angelis. *An Analysis of User Profiles from Covid-19 Questions in Stack Overflow*
- Eirini Manga, Nikitas Karanikolas, Catherine Marinagi and Christos Skourlas. *Evaluating Citizen Comments in Public Consultations Using Data Mining*
- Panteleimon Krasadakis, Evangelos Sakkopoulos and Vassilios S. Verykios. *A Natural Language Processing Survey on Legislative and Greek Documents*
- Vassilios Verykios and Dimitrios Karapiperis. *Entity Resolution in Dissimilarity Spaces*
- Alkiviadis Tsimpiris, Dimitrios Varsamis, Charalampos Strouthopoulos, George Pavlidis and Kiourt Chairi. *Open-source OCR engine integration with Greek dictionary* (short paper)
- Georgios Patsoulis, Rafail Promikyridis and Efthimios Tambouris. *Integration of chatbots with Knowledge Graphs in eGovernment: The case of Getting a Passport*

20:00 – 22:00

Banquet

ROOM B

SESSION 2B / Chair A. Daskalopulu (UTH, GR)

Artificial Intelligence

- Theofanis Aravanis. *Relevance-Sensitive Belief Revision in the Realm of Partial Preorders*
- Alexandros Vassiliades, Ilias Papadimitriou, Nick Bassiliades and Theodore Patkos. *Visual Gorgias: A Mechanism for the Visualization of an Argumentation Dialogue*
- Dimitrios Loukatos, Maria Kondoyanni and Konstantinos G. Arvanitis. *Automatic Fruit Picking: An Entry-level, in Scale, Approach for Cyber Physical Systems' Understanding*
- Alexandros Mitsou, Evaggelos Spyrou and Theodoros Giannakopoulos. *Multimodal Workplace Monitoring for Human Activity Recognition* (short paper)
- Paraskevi Tsoutsas, Panos Fitsilis and Omiros Iatrellis. *Towards an Ontology for Smart City Competences*

SESSION 3B / Chair A. Kakarountas (UTH, GR)

Hardware, Architecture & Digital Systems

- Stylianos Voutsinas, Dimitrios Karolidis, Ioannis Voyiatzis and Maria Samarakou. *Development of an IoT Structural Damage Monitoring system*
- Antonios Dadaliaris, Antonios Tragoudaras, George Kranas, Michael Dossis and Georgios Dimitriou. *Juxtaposing Vivado Design Flows in Batch Mode*
- Ioannis Galanakis, Athanasios Milidonis and Ioannis Voyiatzis. *A high performance architecture for object detection in drones*
- Dimitrios Bountas, Nestor Evmorfopoulos, George Dimitriou, Antonios Dadaliaris, George Floros and Georgios Stamoulis. *Statistical Estimation of Leakage Power Bounds in CMOS VLSI Circuits*
- Christos Kompogiannis, Maria Sapounaki and Athanasios Kakarountas. *Development of a Neuromorphic Circuit in Reconfigurable Technology for the Simulation of Synapses*
- Stylianos Voutsinas, Dimitrios Karolidis, Ioannis Voyiatzis and Maria Samarakou. *Development of a fault detection algorithm for Photovoltaic Systems* (short paper)

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11:30 – 11:50		Coffee break
11:50 – 14:00	SESSION 5A (Special Session) / Chairs I. Kantzavelou (UNIWA, GR), L. Maglaras (DMU, UK), V. Vlachos (UTH, GR) Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructures (part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasileios Dimitriadis, Leandros Maglaras, Nineta Polemi, Ioanna Kantzavelou and Nick Ayres. <i>Uncuffed: A Blockchain-based Secure Messaging System</i> • Konstantinos Charmanas, Nikolaos Mittas and Lefteris Angelis. <i>Predicting the existence of exploitation concepts linked to software vulnerabilities using text mining</i> • Stylianos Karagiannis, Alexandros Tokatlis, Sotiris Pelekis, Michael Kontoulis, George Doukas, Christos Ntanos and Emmanouil Magkos. <i>A-DEMO: ATT&CK Documentation, Emulation and Mitigation Operations</i> • Célia Martinie, Christos Grigoriadis, Eleni-Maria Kalogeraki and Panayiotis Kotzanikolaou. <i>Modelling Human Tasks to Enhance Threat Identification in Critical Maritime Systems</i> • Shareeful Islam, Spyridon Papastergiou and Haralambos Mouratidis. <i>A Dynamic Cyber Security Situational Awareness Framework for Healthcare ICT Infrastructures</i> 	SESSION 5B (Special Session) / Chair I. Savvas (UTH, GR) Quantum Computing: Current state and future trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergey Gushanskiy, Viktor Potapov and Alexey Samoylov. <i>Research of Quantum Neural Networks and Development of a Single-qubit Model of Neuron</i> • Valery Pukhovskiy, Sergey Gushanskiy and Viktor Potapov. <i>Developing a Hardware Approach to Simulating Quantum Computing Using an Optimization Algorithm</i> • Maria Sabani, Ilias Galanis, Ilias Savvas and Georgia Garani. <i>Implementation of Shor's Algorithm and Some Reliability Issues of Quantum Computing Devices</i> • Maria Avramouli, Ilias Savvas, Georgia Garani and Anna Vasilaki. <i>Quantum Machine Learning: Current State and Challenges</i> • Dimitrios Ntalaperas, Konstantinos Prousalis and Nikos Konofaos. <i>A model for encoding multiple logical qubit states into the energy eigenstates of a transmon system</i>
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17:00 – 17:20	Coffee break	
17:20 – 19:30	SESSION 7A / Chair V. Verykios (HOU, GR) Data Mining & Data Analysis Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niki Kyriakou, Euripidis Loukis and Ioanna Damianou. <i>Social Media Use and Absorptive Capacity of Greek Food & Beverage Firms</i> • Charis Ntakolia, Christos Kokkotiis, Serafeim Moustakidis and Elpiniki Papageorgiou. <i>An explainable machine learning pipeline for backorder prediction in inventory management systems</i> • Konstantinos Korovesis, George Alexandridis, Iraklis Varlamis, Panagiotis Tsantilas and George Caridakis. <i>Emotion detection on Greek social media using Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers</i> • Rozita Tsoni, Vasilios Zorkadis and Vassilios Verykios. <i>A data pipeline to preserve privacy in educational settings</i> • Nikolaos Maniatis, Georgios Alexandridis, Konstantinos Korovesis, Iraklis Varlamis, Panagiotis Tsantilas, George Michael Klimis and George Caridakis. <i>Bibliometrics for Measuring Social Media Influence: Evaluating the use of h-Index as a ranking metric of twitter users' influence.</i> 	SESSION 7B / Chair C. Goumopoulos (UAEGEAN, GR) Games & Gamification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Iliadis, Stergios Palamas and Phivos Mylonas. <i>Implementation and study of user strategies within a custom video game environment</i> • Christos Goumopoulos, Georgios Skikos, Christos Karapapas, Maria Frounta and Georgios Koumanakos. <i>Applying Serious Games and Machine Learning for Cognitive Training and Screening: the COGNIPLAT Approach</i> • Katerina Vgena, Aikaterini Georgia Mavroeidi, Angeliki Kitsiou and Christos Kalloniatis. <i>Can social gamification and privacy co-exist? Identifying the major concerns</i> • Alexandros Tremopoulos, George E. Raptis and Christos Katsanos. <i>WhatShapeWhatColor: Designing a Puzzle Game to Elicit the Field Dependence-Independence Cognitive Style</i> • Helena G. Theodoropoulou, Chairi Kiourt, Natasa Michailidou, George A. Ioannakis, Paraskevi Motsiou, Ioannis Mourthos, Anestis Koutsoudis, George Pavlidis and Despoina Tsiadaki. <i>Three Gods in Eleusis: Discovering tangible and intangible cultural heritage of ancient Eleusis</i>

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9:30 – 10:45

SESSION 8A / Chair S. Vosinakis (UAEGEAN, GR)

Augmented, Virtual & Mixed Reality

- Iakovos Stratigakis, Theodoros Amanatidis, Christina Volioti, George Kakarontzas, Thrasylvoulos Tsiatsos, Ioannis Stamelos, Charalampos Avratoglou, Apostolos Ampatzoglou, Alexander Chatzigeorgiou and Dimitris Folinas. *A low-cost AR assistant component architecture for Warehouse Management Systems*
- Spyros Vosinakis, Vasiliki Nikolakopoulou, Giorgos Nikopoulos, Labros Fragkedis, Modestos Stavrakis, Nikolaos Politopoulos and Panayiotis Koutsabasis. *Designing Mixed Reality Experiences that Provide Views to the Past: Reviving the Operation of an Industrial Olive Oil Factory*
- Evgenia Gkini, Ioannis Voyiatzis and Cleo Sgouropoulou. *Head-Mounted Display Systems as Visual Aids for the Visually Impaired: A Survey*

SESSION 8B / Chair D. Kallergis (UNIWA, GR)

Signal processing & Video transmission

- Konstantinos Angelopoulos and George Othon Glentis. *Nonparametric Spectral Estimation - An overview*
- Konstantinos Angelopoulos and George-Othon Glentis. *Fast convolution and correlation computational methods in leakage localization applications*
- Dimitrios Psilias, Athanasios Milidonis and Ioannis Voyiatzis. *Secure Video Transmission System for UAV Applications*

10:45 – 10:50

Short break

10:50 – 12:05

SESSION 9A / Chair G. Dimitriou (UTH, GR)

Software Engineering

- Efsthathia Chioteli, Ioannis Batas and Diomidis Spinellis. *Does Unit-Tested Code Crash? A Case Study of Eclipse*
- Georgios Dimitriou, Alexandros Angelou, Antonios Dadaliaris and Michael Dossis. *Branchless Code Generation for Modern Processor Architectures*
- Theodore Maikantis, Theodore Chaikalis, Apostolos Ampatzoglou and Alexander Chatzigeorgiou. *SmartCLIDE: Shortening the Toolchain of SOA-based Cloud Software Development by Automating Service Creation, Composition, Testing, and Deployment*

SESSION 9B / Chair N. Ploskas (UOWM, GR)

Networks & Communications

- Alexandra Bousia and Aspasia Daskalopulu. *Double Auction Offloading: Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Efficient Telecommunication Networks*
- Emmanouil Karantoumanis, Xristos Krallis and Nikolaos Ploskas. *An experimental evaluation of sensors on a LoRaWAN-based GPS tracking system*
- Leontios Sotiriadis, Basilis Mamalis and Grammati Pantziou. *Stable and Secure Clustering for Internet of Vehicles with RSU-assisted maintenance and trust management*

12:05 – 12:25

Coffee break

12:25 – 13:55

SESSION 10A / Chair A. Corral (UAL, Spain)

Distributed & Mobile Computing

- Vasiliki Giannou and Basilis Mamalis. *Utilizing Fog Computing for the Efficient Support of Innovative Teaching Scenarios in Primary and Secondary Education* (short paper)
- Ioannis Ballas, Vassilios Tsakanikas, Evaggelos Pefanis and Vassilios Tampakas. *On Exploring the Optimum Configuration of Apache Spark Framework in Heterogeneous Clusters* (short paper)
- George Mavrommatis, Panagiotis Moutafis and Antonio Corral. *Enhancing the SliceNBound Algorithm for the Closest-Pairs Query with Binary Space Partitioning*
- Nikos Petrelis. *Exploring Feature Correlation in Plant Disease Diagnosis. A Smart Phone Application for Tomato Disorder Classification*

SESSION 10B / Chair A. Voulodimos (UNIWA, GR)

Machine Learning & Data Mining

- Petros Amanatidis, George Iosifidis and Dimitris Karampatzakis. *Comparative Evaluation of Machine Learning Inference Machines on Edge-class Devices*
- Athanasios Tzimourtas, Spyros Bakalagos, Panagiota Tselenti and Athanasios Voulodimos. *An exploration on text classification using machine learning techniques* (short paper)
- Athanasios Ioannis Arvanitidis and Dimitrios Bargiotas. *Use of Artificial Neural Networks for Short Term Load Forecasting*
- Georgia Rokkou, Nikolaos Spatiotis, Vasilis Triantafyllou and Michael Paraskevas. *A new approach applying Sentiment Analysis in Greek Language* (short paper)