

Preface

The first edition of the Workshop on IT Innovations Enabling Seamless and Secure Supply Chains (WITNESS) is held on 29 August 2011 in Delft this year under the auspices of the tenth edition of the International Electronic Government Conference 2011 (EGOV 2011). The purpose of the workshop is to bring together researchers interested in the advances in IT enabling seamless and secure supply chains. Against that backdrop, we are happy to have received contributions from prominent research groups active in this field. Most of these research groups are actively participating in EU-funded research projects related to the topic of the workshop such as CASSANDRA, INTEGRITY, ITAIDE, Smart-CM, and national research projects such as the Dinalog funded project Extended Single Window.

Overall, the program consists of 6 paper presentations. Each of these was duly reviewed by at least three members of the program committee. On top of these presentations, we are very happy with the incorporation of four keynote presentations in the program. The keynotes provide insights in IT innovation for the enabling of seamless and secure supply chains from a government perspective, an industry perspective, a trade associations perspective and a research perspective. The opening keynote is to be given by Frank Heijmann who is the Head of Trade Relations of the Dutch Customs Administration together with David Hesketh who is a Senior Business Manager working on research and development programs within HM Revenue and Customs, International Relations. The second keynote is given by Arno Hoitink who heads the Cargonaut group of companies with a special focus on international development. The third keynote is given by William Engelen from Momentive who is an EU Customs and International Trade Compliance Manager and he is also the Business Process Owner for EU Trade Compliance. The fourth and final keynote is to be given by Yao-Hua Tan from Delft University of Technology who is a Professor on Information and Communication Technology together with Gerwin Zomer from TNO who is a Senior Logistics and Transport Consultant.

At this occasion, we wish to express first and foremost our gratitude to those who have fulfilled roles in the program committee for this workshop. Their valuable feedback has helped the presenters to further improve their work. We also wish to thank all involved local staff at Delft University of Technology for their support in organizing this event.

It is our hope that the workshop will stimulate discussions on IT innovations enabling seamless and secure supply chains, foster existing collaborations and lead to new ones. But most important of all, we hope that you will enjoy the workshop day.

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