PREFACE

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The main ITA 2009 events were:

KDS	XVth International Conference "Knowledge - Dialogue – Solution"
i.Tech	Seventh International Conference "Information Research and Applications"
MeL	Fourth International Conference "Modern (e-) Learning"
INFOS	Second International Conference "Intelligent Information and Engineering Systems"
CFDM	International Conference "Classification, Forecasting, Data Mining"
GIT	Seventh International Workshop on General Information Theory
ISSI	Third International Summer School on Informatics

The XV-th anniversary of the International Conference "Knowledge-Dialogue-Decision" (KDS) is a remarkable event of ITA 2009.

KDS was established as result of the scientific co-operation organized within 1986-1992 by two international workgroups (IWG) researching the problems of data bases and artificial intelligence. As a result of tight relation between these problems in 1990 in Budapest appeared the International scientific Working Group of "Data Base Intellectualization" (IWGDBI) integrating the possibilities of databases with the creative process support tools. Heads of the IWGDBI ware V.Gladun (Ukraine) and R.Kirkova (Bulgaria).

In 1992 the "Association of Developers and Users of Intelligent Systems" (ASPIS) had been established. ASPIS was chosen to be the main organizer of the international conferences KDS. In the same time the "Institute of information theories and application FOI ITHEA" (ITHEA) started working in Bulgaria. During the years, in collaboration with ITHEA, KDS had been organized in Ukraine, Poland, Russia, and Bulgaria. From 2008 KDS is organized as two connected ITHEA ISS events: in Bulgaria (summer) and in Ukraine (autumn).

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