A major goal of the *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Telecommunications and Networking* (IJITN) is to publish high-quality original academic and practitioner research, surveys, and case studies as well as the opinions of leaders in the telecommunications and networking field which examine the cross-disciplinary viewpoints of electrical engineering, computer science, information technology, operations research, business administration, economics, sociology, and law.

The papers published in this Special Issue are extended versions of papers that were selected from papers presented at the IEEE Annual Wireless Telecommunication Symposium (WTS) held in Tampa, Florida this year. These papers epitomize the goal of IJITN and span a wide range of issues in telecommunication and networking - from technology to business to views from a top executive from industry. The issue opens with a paper by Ouyang and Fallah examining the issue of optimizing the traffic of voice core in the UMTS network. This paper studied and analyzed the impact of the proposed RNC re-homing models on the performance of voice core of UMTS networks. The next paper by Aki, Erturk and Arslan simulated an overlaid cellular clustering scheme which uses adaptive fractional frequency reuse factors to provide a better capacity by exploiting the high level of signal to interference ratio (SIR). The paper by Shao, Chen and Huang proposed a novel multi-criteria rating recommendation system for mobile services using three criteria that are aggregated into an overall service ranking list by a rank aggregate algorithm. A prototype of the recommendation system demonstrated the efficacy of this proposed approach. The paper by Powell analyzed the Latin American wireless telecommunications market portfolios of Telefonica and America Movil. The paper compares the portfolios with respect to overall average and degree of variance to examine their market attractiveness and competitive positions in 2008 relative to 2002 across the markets in the portfolios. The portfolio analysis technique employed in the paper may have wider applicability for formulating corporate strategy.

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