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Each year the International Association for eScience (IAFeS) organises the Networking Entities conference (NETIES). NETIES 2015 was held in Tacoronte, Tenerife (Spain) in collaboration with the Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity. Previously, the conference has attracted a large attendance but in 2015 it was decided to hold a smaller, more intimate, conference with a mainly invited list of highly qualified and expert speakers and researchers.

The Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity hosted the conference in a refurbished, yet romantic and haimish, former monastery which provided the perfect environment and atmosphere to engender discussion and debate. The main focus of the conference was 'Big Data' and its impact and influence on people and society. 24 delegates and speakers from around the world contributed to interesting and often passionate debate on the positive, negative and even controversial issues surrounding big data. The proceedings of NETIES 2015 are contained in this book. We hope that you, the reader, will find the content interesting and enjoyable and inspire you to contribute to future IAFoS research and events.

That the result of this conference is now available as book is thanks to our colleague Graham Orange. He made the lecturing of all the scripts and he brought the text of all foreignn speakers into a correct english.

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