1 <u>Preface</u>

Each year the International Association for eScience (IAFeS) organises the Networking Entities conference (NETTIES). NETTIES 2016 was held in Timisoara (Romania) in collaboration with the Politehnica University of Timisoara and ASLERD - Association for Smart Learning Ecosystems and Regional Development.
For ASLERD it was the first conference and the subject was „Smart Learning Ecosystems and Regional Developments".

The first IAFeS conference - and it´s former organization EATA (European Association for Telematic Applications) – took place in 1994 in Vienna. Since that year every year a NETTIES (Networking Entities) conference was held in an other country, like in China, Greece, Spain, Italy, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland, and others.
Many delegates and speakers from around the world contributed to interesting and often passionate debate on the positive, negative and even controversial issues surrounding „Smart Learning".
The proceedings of NETTIES 2016 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 IAFeS research and events.

That the result of this conference is now available as book is thanks to our colleague Graham Orange from Leeds. He made the proof reading of all the scripts.

The conference itself was excellently organized by Prof. Dr. Radu Vasiu and Prof. Dr. Diana Andone.

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