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We are delighted to present the proceedings of the second Spanish-Portuguese Track of the iConference 2024. This conference was held in a hybrid format, allowing participants the flexibility to present either online or onsite at the physical venue in Changchun, China, from 15-18 April 2024. This track was designed to bring together researchers, professionals, and academics from various disciplines, focusing on Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking communities.

The event aimed to foster meaningful interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration. It provided a platform for scholars and practitioners to explore the intersections of information, technology, and society while enhancing connections between research groups in these fields.

We are proud to have had diverse participation from researchers, students, and professionals representing a rich tapestry of countries such as Spain, Portugal, and Brazil. The hybrid format enabled us to feature presentations from international speakers who shared their insights on topics relevant to the evolving landscape of information science and technology, fostering a sense of global community.

A total of 10 full papers were accepted out of 13 submissions (only 8 included in this volume), reflecting the high quality and diversity of the contributions. Among the accepted papers, the research covered a wide range of topics, including the characterization and social network presence of environmental law research groups in Spain, trends in geographical information systems (GIS) within

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academic libraries, and a methodological review of knowledge management in the Brazilian public sector. Other significant contributions explored the intersections between open government data and information science in Brazil, the dissemination of cancer research in Spain, and open access practices in addiction research. Further studies analyzed information policies in Brazilian open-access legal databases and the use of controlled vocabularies in indexing scientific literature related to the 1918 pandemic.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all authors, organizers, reviewers, and collaborators who contributed their time and expertise to make this track successful. Their efforts have been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

This track has significantly advanced our collective understanding of information science in Spanish—and Portuguese-speaking contexts. We look forward to continued collaboration and exploration in future editions of the iConference.

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