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Greetings:

It is my pleasure to welcome attendees of the 16th International AAI Conference on Web and Social Media.

The International AAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM) is one of the premier venues for computational social science. After hosting successful meetings in Germany, England, Ireland, Spain, Stanford, Montreal, we are happy the conference has chosen Atlanta to bring this large group of innovators back together after two years of virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

ICWSM is a forum for researchers from multiple disciplines to come together to gain knowledge, discuss ideas, exchange information, and learn about cutting-edge research in diverse fields with the common theme of online social media.

As an engineer, I recognize that computational social science is an important field of research and I am excited that premier scientists will have the opportunity to meet at this conference to create new pathways to move our communities forward.

While visiting Atlanta, I encourage you to explore the world-class attractions our city has to offer, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, the Atlanta BeltLine, Ponce City Market, the Atlanta Rainbow Crosswalks, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, the Woodruff Arts Center, Piedmont Park, and more.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes on a successful and productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Dickens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mayor Andre Dickens