In summer of 2014, IEEE computer society organised the 38th Annual International Computers, Software & Applications Conference (COMPSAC) held at Västerås, Sweden from 21st to 25th of July. COMPSAC is the IEEE Signature Conference on Computers, Software, and Applications. It is one of the major international forums for academia, industry, and government to discuss research results, advancements and future trends in computer and software technologies and applications.

The main focus of my PhD work is to suggest a methodology for simulation and verification of platform independent models of Socio-Technical Systems (STS). In STS, we consider human factors during the requirements engineering, design and application of computer and software systems. The technical program of COMPASAC 2014 included keynote addresses, research papers, industrial case studies, panel discussions, fast abstracts, doctoral symposium, poster sessions, and a number of workshops on emerging important topics. The workshop on Social Services through Human and Artificial Agent Models (SSERV) was among a list of workshops in COMPSAC 2014.

Considering the nature and high quality of the conference and its workshops, I submitted my research paper to SSERV workshop and was accepted for presentation and inclusion in IEEE digital library. The paper titled “Heuristics for Designing and Evaluating Socio-technical Agent-Oriented Behaviour Models with Coloured Petri Nets”. This paper firstly contains the guidelines for designing platform independent behaviour models of STS. Secondly, the paper shows initial results on formal verification of platform independent models of STS. Guidelines for designing platform independent models of STS and formal verification of platform independent models of STS are among main contributions of my research work.

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After arriving to Stockholm Central Station, I had to wait three hours for the train to Västerås. During that period, I got a chance to explore the beauty of Stockholm City Centre.
The whole of Monday 21st July was workshop day. The main conference was officially opened on Tuesday 22nd July 2014. The picture below was taken during the conference welcome address and opening remarks.
On Tuesday 22nd July evening after the conference session, I had a chance to visit Anundshög Viking Burial Mound at Vasteras, Anundshög, Västerås, Sweden. The left picture below I stand at the top of the Viking Burial Mound (hill) and in my background is the stone ship gravesite pattern, at base of Viking burial mound (reconstructed, some had fallen). The picture on the right side describes stone ship gravesite patterns.
On the evening of Wednesday 23rd July, we had a Conference Banquet at Sätra Brunn, Sala. From our arrival to the end of the banquet, we were entertained by a group of old, strong and super active Swedish traditional singers.
The picture below was taken during one of the keynote address held on Thursday 24th July.