Call for Participation

SIGITE 2014: 15th Annual Conference on IT Education
RIIT 2014: 3rd Annual Research in IT Conference
October 15-18, 2014

The 15th Annual Conference on Information Technology Education and the 3rd Annual Research in IT Conference will be hosted by Southern Polytechnic State University and will take place at the W Hotel in the Buckhead neighborhood a few miles north of downtown Atlanta, Georgia: http://www.watlantabuckhead.com/. Both conferences are sponsored by the ACM Special Interest Group of Information Technology Education (SIGITE).

The dual conferences provide a forum for sharing and developing ideas relating to information technology research, education, applications, IT-industry-academia relationships, and our roles as professionals, educators, and advocates for the effective use of information technology. This year is the third for the Research in IT conference, which aims to provide a venue for showcasing research in information technology that may or may not have a connection with teaching IT. These two conferences will be co-located and tightly integrated so that participants can attend the sessions of both at no additional charge.

Theme

The theme of both conferences is "Riding the Wave of Change in Information Technology." Atlanta may be known for its beautiful aquarium, but its innovative academic and corporate landscape is even more important. Information technology is a great part of that innovation. Since changes in IT are dynamic and unpredictable, the resultant disruptive change makes envisioning the future very difficult for academics and practitioners alike. We seek submissions that address ways for academia, government, and business to anticipate, navigate, and adapt to the ever-evolving nature of IT.

Submissions: All due June 8, 2014

All submissions should use the ACM templates:
http://www.acm.org/sigs/publications/proceedings-templates A PDF should be submitted for all types of submissions. Panel and workshop proposals should include author information. All other submissions (papers, lightning talks, and posters) should be anonymous, with all author information removed.

Papers

Submissions will be no longer than six double-column pages and will undergo a blind peer reviewing process. Authors will have approximately 25 minutes for their presentation, including the question and answer period. Accepted papers must be presented by at least one author and will be published in the conference proceedings.

Panels

Panels allow experts to discuss a current topic of interest in IT education or research. Panel organizers are responsible for selecting appropriate panelists to participate. A panel will normally have at most four panelists including the organizer. Panel submissions should include a list of panelists, their affiliations, a description of the topics, and a brief position statement from each panelist. All panelists are expected to attend the conference and participate in the panel. Panel proposals are limited to 2 pages and will be published in the conference proceedings.

Workshops

Workshops allow presenters to provide a hands-on exploration of a topic in which attendees are expected to actively participate. The workshop proposer is required to attend the conference. Workshop proposals are limited to 2 pages and will be published in the conference proceedings.

Lightning talks

Lightning talks present work currently in progress and for which authors are actively seeking feedback or short curricular, pedagogical, or research techniques of interest to the SIGITE/RIIT communities. Accepted lightning talks will be presented in a session where each author is given 10 minutes to present the work and obtain feedback. A one-page summary of the accepted lightning talks will be published in the conference proceedings.

Posters

Posters present work currently in progress and for which authors are actively seeking feedback. A one-page summary of the accepted posters will be published in the conference proceedings.

Other Information

Exhibits

Booths, opportunities for presentations, and/or space in the program will be made available to publishers, software houses, and other interested vendors who wish to sponsor SIGITE 2014 and RIIT 2014. Interested parties are invited to contact the sponsorship chair Deborah Boisvert (Deborah.Boisvert@umb.edu) for information about exhibiting at or sponsoring the conference.

Students

Students are encouraged to present papers at either conference. SIGITE will cover the conference registration and provide $200 toward expenses of attending the conference for the first ten accepted student papers. The ACM-W organization will add an additional $500 to this amount for the first ten accepted papers by female students.

Dates to Remember

June 8, 2014: Paper, panel, workshop, lightning talk, and poster submissions due
July 15, 2014: Acceptance/rejection notification & reviewer feedback for papers, panels, and workshops
August 15, 2014: Final versions of papers, panels, workshops, lightning talks, and posters due
October 16 – 18, 2014: SIGITE 2014 and RIIT 2014

<u>AUTHORS TAKE NOTE</u>: The official publication date is the date the proceedings are made available in the ACM Digital Library. This date may be up to *two weeks prior* to the first day of the conference. The official publication date affects the deadline for any patent filings related to published work.

Contact information

For questions about submissions, contact one of the program co-chairs: Amber Settle (asettle@cdm.depaul.edu) or Terry Steinbach (tsteinbach@cdm.depaul.edu).

For questions about the conference location or logistics, contact one of the conference co-chairs: Han Reichgelt (hreichge@spsu.edu) or Becky Rutherfoord (brutherf@spsu.edu).