Call for Participation

SIGITE 2015: 16th Annual Conference on IT Education
RIIT 2015: 4th Annual Research in IT Conference
September 30 – October 3, 2015
http://sigite2015.sigite.org/

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The 16th Annual Conference on Information Technology Education and the 4th Annual Research in IT Conference will be hosted by DePaul University and will take place at the DePaul Loop campus in Chicago, Illinois. Both conferences are sponsored by the ACM Special Interest Group for 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 fourth 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 "Creating the Future". The Chicago fire of 1871 enabled a rebirth of development in Chicago, producing notable architecture that continues to impact the city into the present day. In a nod to that period of development, a technology-focused incubator called 1871 has been created, and with it has come a focus on reinventing Chicago for the next century. Industry, academic, and political leaders are working to make Chicago a city known for its innovative approaches to business and technology. We seek submissions that look to the future of information technology, helping to define what it is that researchers and students alike will be doing in the decades to come.

Submissions: Due May 25, 2015
The submission site is: https://cmt2.research.microsoft.com/IT2015.

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. Submissions must adhere to the page limits described below, and submissions that exceed the limits will be rejected without review. Authors must register for and attend the conference as specified below in order for their work to appear in the published proceedings.

Papers
Submissions will be no longer than six double-column pages and will undergo a blind peer reviewing process. Authors will have approximately 30 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 two 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 two 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 2015 and RIIT 2015. Interested parties are invited to contact the sponsorship chair Steve Zilora (Stephen.Zilora@rit.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 10 accepted student papers. Female students may apply for additional funding from the ACM-W organization, with the application procedure described here: http://women.acm.org/scholarship.

Important dates

May 25, 2015: Paper, panel, workshop, lightning talk, and poster submissions due
June 30, 2015: Acceptance/rejection notification & reviewer feedback for papers, panels, and workshops
August 1, 2015: Final versions of papers, panels, workshops, lightning talks, and posters due
September 30 – October 3, 2015: SIGITE 2015 and RIIT 2015

AUTHORS TAKE NOTE: 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 the program chair Deborah Boisvert (Deborah.Boisvert@umb.edu).

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