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Call for Panel Proposals

Proposal submission deadline	March 15, 2009
Acceptance notification	March 30, 2009

Panels should focus on new challenges and emerging technologies to stimulate a lively and thought provoking discussion. Controversial issues that encompass multiple viewpoints are desirable. The goal is to engage the audience in a lively debate that furthers their understanding of the topic. Past COMPSAC have uniquely brought together the creation of trustworthy, dependable and distributed computer services satisfying the needs of environments and spanning all aspects of software systems engineering. In 2009, the central theme is: Harmonizing humans, computers, and software in services environments.

Areas of interest for panel topics are aligned to the following focus areas of the conference. These include, but are not limited to:

- Software and middleware development for distributed platforms

- Social and collaborative networks, services computing, cloud computing

- Engineering methodologies, mechanisms supporting design and applications, communication applications, mobile and embedded systems.

- New paradigms and improvements on software and system requirement analysis, modeling, development, testing, measurement, verification, validation processes and lifecycles

- High-impact requirements such as performance, autonomy, safety, security, dependability and environment protection on software and systems

- Multidisciplinary work, industry-academic collaborations and education

- Other emerging and critical technologies.

All areas of interests to the audience are acceptable as a panel topic. Panel proposals will be accepted on the basis of their audience appeal, originality, and credentials of panelists.

GUIDELINES

- The ideal panel size is 3 to 4 panelists and a panel organizer/moderator. The minimum size is 3 panelists + 1 moderator.

- Interdisciplinary panels are encouraged, panels from multiple organizations are recommended.

- Proposals submitted by the organizer will be revised into panel description for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

- Each panelist will prepare a one-page position statement for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

- Panels composed of participants from a single institution are not likely to be accepted.

PANEL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Proposals for panels must be submitted by the panel organizer via email and must include the following information. Please assist us by sending this information in exactly the order given here:

Use as a subject line: COMPSAC 2009 Panel Proposal – [moderator name]

Body/Attachment

- Panel title

- Panel organization:

  - Panel moderator's name (this person can be different from the panel organizer), institutional

  affiliation, e-mail address etc.

  - Panelists' names (some/all), institutional affiliations, contact information etc. You may include

  a brief biography limited to 2-3 sentences for each panelist.

- Panel description:

  - Short description of the topic (maximum 100 words) (this may be reused by the conference)

    - Panel objective, scope, and target audience (maximum 100 words)

  - Panel format (timeline of activities – moderator introduction, panelist position statement presentations, Q&A discussion, closing statements) Sample list of debatable questions

  - Extended panel description of maximum of 500-word of the panel as a whole submitted by the panel organizer.

A sample template will be provided. Proposals should be 1-2 pages long and can be submitted in either HTML or PDF.

PANEL FORMATS

Panels are allocated 90 minutes. The recommended format is:

- Moderator introduction

- Brief presentation by the expert panelists (no more than 30 min)

- Discussions (at least 40 minutes)

- Closing statements from panelists and the chair/moderator

Multimedia presentations and innovative ideas that engage the audience are encouraged.

PANEL MODERATOR

The panel moderator plays a key role ensuring that the panelists stay on track, on time, and stimulates the debate.

Most of the moderator's effort occurs prior to the panel as an organizer. This includes coordinating the preparation of panelist position statements and presentations, and helping the panelists adequately prepare a stimulating pitch in a timely manner. The moderator ensures that panelists will engage the audience.

PANEL POSITION PAPERS

Once a panel proposal acceptance notification is sent, the panel moderator will contact and encourage the panelists to submit their position statements. The format for position statement will be separately provided. Submitted proposals and position statement papers will be a part of the proceedings.

SEND PROPOSALS TO

Panel Chair: Rajesh Subramanyan, Siemens Corporate Research, USA, via email at *compsac2009@compsac.org*