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The IEEE International Conference on Computer, Software and Applications (COMPSAC), first held in Chicago in 1977, is one of the major international forums for academia, industry, and government to discuss research results, advances and future trends in computer and software technologies and
applications. The technical program includes keynote addresses, research papers, industrial case studies, panel discussions and fast abstracts. It also includes a number of workshops on emerging important topics.

COMPSAC is designated as the IEEE Computer Society Signature International Conference on
Computer, Software and Applications. Based on this designation, COMPSAC organizers are able to work with other key functions of IEEE to create more value for conference volunteers and participants.

Proposals for workshops are being solicited for consideration for affiliation with COMPSAC 2009. Affiliated workshops will be held in conjunction with COMPSAC and co-located with other affiliated workshops. The purpose of these workshops is to provide a platform for presenting novel ideas in a
less formal and possibly more focused way than the conference itself. As such, they also offer a good opportunity for young researchers to present their work and to obtain feedback from an interested community. Workshop organizers are responsible for establishing a program committee, collecting
and evaluating submissions, notifying authors of acceptance or rejection in due time, ensuring a transparent and fair selection process, organizing selected papers into sessions, and assigning session chairs.

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit a one-page workshop proposal to the 33rd COMPSAC Workshop Chair, Sheikh Iqbal Ahamed (iq@mscs.mu.edu) by November 15, 2008. Submissions should be sent electronically by email with "COMPSAC Preliminary Workshop Proposal" in the subject header. Submissions must follow the Workshop Proposal Format outlined below. Notification of acceptance will be sent by December 15, 2008. Following acceptance, workshop organizers will be expected to work closely with the COMPSAC Workshop Chair to finalize details. Important due dates are mentioned below.

Selection criteria for new workshops to be included in COMPSAC 09 will be based upon several factors, including the scientific/technical interest of the topics to conference participants, the quality of the proposal, balance and distinctness of workshop topics, and the capacity of the conference workshop
program. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address the technical theme of COMPSAC 2009, *Harmonizing Humans, Computers, and Software in Services Environments*.

Workshops use the same paper submission system COMPSAC 2009. Each paper selected for inclusion in the proceedings must be registered for COMPSAC at the full registration rate. Without confirmed

registration an accepted paper will be removed. Each paper must be presented in person by the author, or one of the authors. Proceedings of the COMPSAC Workshops will be provided as a separate volume by IEEE Computer Society Press, and will be made available to all conference registrants on site. It is the
policy of COMPSAC not to mail proceedings to the "no show" authors. All workshop papers will also be electronically available through IEEE Xplore Digital Database, and professionally indexed through INSPEC and EI Index (Elsevier's Engineering Information Index). For further information on preparing a workshop proposal, please contact Sheikh Iqbal Ahamed, the COMPSAC Workshop Chair, at iq@mscs.mu.edu. Also consult the 33rd COMPSAC website at http://www.compsac.org as a source of first-hand information.

33rd COMPSAC Preliminary Workshop Proposal Format follows. Each proposal is limited to one page, typed double space in 11 pt Times New Roman. Include workshop title, primary organizers with their affiliations and contact information, the significance of the workshop either to the conference theme or to the general advancement of research in computer and software technologies and applications, a statement of goals for the workshop, workshop theme for 2009, likely participants, proposed duration (i.e. number of sessions envisioned; 1 session=90 minutes for typically 3 presentations; typically 3-4 sessions to fill a day), plans for publicity, and a draft call-for-papers. Please check http://www.compsac.org for examples of past workshops.

33rd COMPSAC important dates for workshops

Dec. 21, 2008: Preliminary Workshop Proposal submission due
Dec. 15, 2008: Feedback provided to the workshop proposers
Dec 21, 2008: Final workshop proposal submission due
March 1, 2009: Workshop paper submission due
April 7, 2009: Workshop paper notification (electronic)
April 30, 2009: All final manuscript and author pre-registration due

Note: The 33rd COMPSAC Steering Committee will allocate sessions to each workshop within the constraints of space availability and the likely interest of the attendees in the workshop. Please be advised to organize your workshop early and request for adequate space as soon as your effort
turns out to be fruitful. The COMPSAC Workshop Chair will work closely with the primary organizers to ensure a successful workshop. In your individual announcement please make sure that your contributors are aware of the registration requirements, as well as the proceedings policy.