Call for Scientific Workshops

We are inviting proposals for interesting and innovative scientific workshops for XP2015, the sixteenth conference in the XP series of conferences. The conference takes place from May 25th to May 29th, 2015, with the first day (Monday, May the 25th) and the last day (Friday, May the 29th) devoted to half-day and full-day workshops. Workshops provide a forum for small groups of participants (on the order of 10-30) to discuss current topics in agile software engineering research and practice. XP2015 Workshops will provide opportunities for researchers to exchange and discuss innovative scientific and engineering ideas at a stage before they have matured to warrant conference or journal publication. XP2015 Workshops also serve as incubators for scientific ideas or new scientific communities that form and share a particular research agenda.

What You May Propose

Workshop proposals are welcome on any and all agile topics. Workshops are intended to be a valuable learning experience for both the organizers and the participants. They generally involve a fair amount of participation and input on the part of the attendees. Workshops can either be presentation-oriented (i.e., concentrating on the presentation of accepted papers) or discussion-oriented (i.e., emphasizing discussions). They can last half day or a full day.

Fees and Compensation

Conference attendees who register for Monday and/or Friday are able to attend any workshops or tutorials on those days. The conference compensation policy is to grant one full academic conference registration (i.e., registration for 5 days of conference) for each half-day of scientific workshop held. For instance, a full day workshop will entitle two full academic conference registrations. In the case of more than two organizers, the compensation can be applied as an equivalent discount on organizers' registrations.

Responsibilities

The XP2015 organization provides:

- A Web page hosted (or link) on XP2015 Web site
- Management of registration for participants
- Setup of meeting space and related equipment
- Coffee-breaks and workshop lunch arrangements

The main responsibility for organizing a workshop goes to the chairperson(s) of the workshop. The workshop organization must take care of:

- Coordinating deadlines, and acceptance notifications for workshop papers with the XP2015 Workshop Chairs
- Workshop publicity, call for papers, and submission and review process
- Providing a brief description of the workshop for inclusion on the XP2015 Web page
- Scheduling workshop activities in collaboration with the XP2015 local organizers

For workshops interested in publishing their proceedings, the XP2015 organization will negotiate with Springer about doing a post-conference companion proceedings volume. For a workshop to have its papers included, it must adhere to Springer’s general guidelines for academic publishing, including peer reviewed papers, a max acceptance rate of 40-45%, and 20-30% additional material added to the papers in the post-conference proceedings. Details will be shared with chairs of accepted workshop proposals. The XP2015 organization will also help manage the publishing logistics and companion proceedings preparation.
How To Submit Your Proposal

Proposals should be submitted electronically in PDF format to both academic workshop program chairs: Daniela Cruzes - danielac@sintef.no and Casper Lassenius - casper.lassenius@aalto.fi.

Proposal Content

The proposal should consist of no more than four A4 pages, single column format, font of 10pt or larger. The following information must be included:

First Page:
• The title of the Workshop or Tutorial
• A summary in 250 words or less
• The name and contact information of the primary organizer any additional organizers or presenters
• The proposed format selected from the list provided in the submission form: Full-Day Workshop, Half-Day Workshop
• A list of keywords about the content of the proposal. The keyword you provide will help us categorize the submission for review purposes

In addition, the following pages should contain the following information about your proposal:
• A short bio of the main organizers in 100 words or less
• The maximum number of participants that can be accommodated
• Indicate whether you can adjust the session to a longer or shorter time than indicated
• How you would like the room to be set up
• Themes and goals: please explicitly state why this session is important. We are particularly interested in topics that are appropriate for the XP conference; are current areas of interest; and are likely to be of interest to a reasonable number attendees
• Expected outcomes from the session, including any materials to be published, website, or wiki and any planned follow-up activities
• History if applicable: information about any prior related events
• Tentative list of PC members

Review and Evaluation Criteria

Final acceptance will be based on an evaluation of the workshop's potential to advance the state of agile software engineering research and practice, its timeliness, the organizers’ demonstrated ability to lead a successful workshop and the necessary balance of topics on each of the two days.

Important dates

• Deadline for proposals: 31/10/2014
• Decision made: 07/11/2014
• Workshop call ready: 21/11/2014
• Workshop papers deadline: no later than 30 January 2015
• Workshop program ready: no later than 28 February 2015
• Workshop date: 25/5/2015 or 29/5/2015

For further information send an email to

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