



CALL FOR TRACK PROPOSALS – SAC 2008

The 23rd ACM Symposium on Applied Computing

March 16 – 20, 2008, Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil

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For the past twenty-two years the ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary and international forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers and application developers to gather, interact and present their work. The ACM Special Interest Group on Applied Computing (SIGAPP) is the sole sponsor of SAC. The conference proceedings are published by ACM and are also available online through ACM's Digital Library.

SAC is based on a flexible structure of mostly self-contained and self-managed tracks. Over the past years SAC hosted tracks on a variety of timely topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, Computer Security, Database Technology, Data Mining, Embedded Systems, Evolutionary Computing, Distributed Systems and Grid Computing, Mobile Computing, Programming Languages, Software Engineering, and Web Technologies. SAC 2007, which was held in Seoul, Korea, consisted of 38 tracks that hosted 256 accepted papers out of about 786 submissions. More information on past SAC events can be found at <http://www.acm.org/conferences/sac>.

The 23rd Annual SAC meeting will be held 16-20 March 2008 in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, and is hosted by the University of Fortaleza (UNIFOR) and the Federal University of Ceará (UFC). The conference Organizing Committee solicits proposals for organizing and hosting tracks. Prospective track chairs should submit an up to two-page description for organizing a track, which should include at least the following items:

- 1) The proposed title for the track with a description of its aims, topics it will cover, and rationale for having such a track in SAC. This rationale should refer to any related conference events that are held regularly and why the proposed track differs from them or complements them. The proposed track should not be overly general but also not overly specialized, thus being able to attract a wide audience of people sharing similar interests. Proposals from industry are also welcomed. Despite its name, SAC also welcomes topics of mostly theoretical nature, provided there is clear practical potential in applying the results of such work.
- 2) A short description of the activities the track chair(s) will undertake upon acceptance of the proposal, to disseminate the call-for-papers for the track, and to manage the review process. (Specific guidelines to track chairs regarding these issues will also be provided.)
- 3) A short CV of the prospective track chair(s) with reference to research interests and publication record directly related to the themes of the proposed track, and any previous experience of involvement in the organization of similar events (in the interest of brevity, reference to a personal web page where such information can be found will be sufficient).

All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee using the criteria described above. The Committee reserves the right to: (1) accept a proposal as is, (2) require modifications before acceptance, (3) recommend merging of similar proposals with a considerable overlap in the topics addressed (in this case the track chairs of the different proposals will be asked to form a single chair), (4) reject a proposal. Upon acceptance of a proposal, the track chairs will be notified of their responsibilities in managing the affairs of their track; as such responsibilities are defined by both the ACM and SAC conference rules. The Committee reserves the rights to cancel a track at any time if these responsibilities are not addressed adequately by the track chair(s).

Please submit your proposal electronically in any acceptable readable format to:

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 13, 2007: Submission of track proposals
April 30, 2007: Notification of acceptance/rejection
May 15, 2007: Call-For-Papers for accepted tracks
Sept 8, 2007: Submission of papers
Sept 20, 2007: Submission of tutorial proposals
Oct 16, 2007: Notification of acceptance/rejection
Oct 30, 2007: Camera-ready copies of accepted papers