



## NEWS RELEASE

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### ACM SIGWEB TO SPONSOR AND ORGANIZE LEADING INTERNATIONAL WEB CONFERENCE SERIES

**New York, NY, April 20, 2020** – ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the International World Wide Web Conference Committee (IW3C2) today announced an agreement to transfer full legal and financial sponsorship of [The Web Conference](#) series of conferences from IW3C2 to ACM’s Special Interest Group on Hypertext, Hypermedia and the Web (SIGWEB). Under the terms of the agreement, ACM SIGWEB will take responsibility for the conference starting with the 2022 edition of the conference in Lyon, France.

The Web Conference (formerly known as International World Wide Web Conference, abbreviated as WWW) is an annual international academic conference on the topic of the future direction of the World Wide Web. The conference aims to provide a forum in which key influencers, decision makers, technologists, businesses and standards bodies can both present their ongoing work, research, and opinions as well as receive feedback from some of the most knowledgeable people in the field. The conference also encompasses research about the impact of the World Wide Web on society and culture.

“SIGWEB is excited about the integration of the Web Conference into its series of scientific meetings,” said Dick Bulterman, SIGWEB-IW3C2 Liaison and SIGWEB Past Chair. “It compliments a number of our existing events and provides a unifying flagship event that can serve as an integrating platform for researchers and practitioners from our community. This is a mutually beneficial new partnership that will advance research, practice and policy in web technologies and their application for years to come.”

“As the world’s largest computing association, ACM sponsors more than 170 conferences, symposia, and workshops around the world,” added Dame Wendy Hall, IW3C2 Chair. “ACM’s experience managing conferences, especially conferences related to our mission, will provide a solid foundation upon which The Web Conference can continue to grow. This new agreement between ACM, IW3C2 and SIGWEB achieves our overarching goal of ensuring the continued success of The Web Conference.”

ACM and IW3C2 have agreed that all articles published by The Web Conference will remain open access after sponsorship is transferred to ACM SIGWEB.

**About the IW3C2**

[The International World Wide Web Conference Committee](#) is the Association that organizes global academic conferences on Web technology. For further information contact: [contact@iw3c2.org](mailto:contact@iw3c2.org).

**About SIGWEB**

The [ACM Special Interest Group on Hypertext and the Web](#) is a community of scholars, researchers, and professionals who study and use the concepts and technologies of linked information that were originally conceived as hypertext and are most famously realized on the Web. The SIGWEB community's interests range widely and include hypertext in all its forms, social networks, knowledge management, document engineering, digital libraries, and the Web as both an information tool and a social force. SIGWEB encourages innovative research, open discussion of new ideas and the development of methodologies and standards through conferences and a variety of communication resources for its members and the world.

**About ACM**

[ACM, the Association for Computing Machinery](#), is the world's largest educational and scientific computing society, uniting computing educators, researchers and professionals to inspire dialogue, share resources and address the field's challenges. ACM strengthens the computing profession's collective voice through strong leadership, promotion of the highest standards, and recognition of technical excellence. ACM supports the professional growth of its members by providing opportunities for life-long learning, career development, and professional networking.

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