ACRI-2016 Call for Workshops Proposals

The ACRI-2016 Organizing Committee invites proposals for the Workshops Program to be held on September 8, 2016 immediately after to the main ACRI Conference. The main goal of the ACRI-2016 Workshops Program is to stimulate and facilitate discussion, interaction, and comparison of approaches, methods, and ideas related to specific topics, both theoretical and applied, in the area of Cellular Automata focused on topics which, in time, aggregates international devoted communities.
The ACRI-2016 Workshops will provide an informal setting where participants will have the opportunity to discuss specific technical topics in an atmosphere that fosters the active exchange of ideas.
In the past editions of ACRI the number of ACRI Workshops and satellite Workshop has grown: C&CA (Crowds & Cellular Automata), T&CA (Traffic & Cellular Automata), Asyncronous Cellular Automata, CACGI (Cellular Automata of Cancer Growth and Invasion), IWNC (International Workshop of Natural Computing), ABSim&CA (Agent-Based Simulation & Cellular Automata).

Members from all areas of the ACRI community are invited to submit workshop proposals for review. Workshops on new and emerging topics, applications, and on broader topics of interest to a wider community are particularly encouraged. Workshops can vary in length, but most will be one full day in duration. Workshop organizers and attendees must register for their workshop and preferably also for the main ACRI conference. Attendance is limited to registered participants.

The papers presented to the Workshop will be published in special session of the ACRI Proceedings. As in previous editions, special issues of International Journals have been published after a selection and a reviewed submission.

Important Dates

January 15, 2016: Proposal Submission Deadline
January 30, 2016: Notification of Selected Workshops
February 7, 2016: Deadline for posting Workshop Call for Papers
June 6, 2016: ACRI-2016 Workshop Program Announced
March 30, 2016: Recommended deadline for Workshop Submissions
April 30, 2016: Recommended deadline for Workshop Notification
May 15, 2016: Deadline for complete workshop notes submission to the workshop chairs
May 30, 2016: Deadline for posting Workshop Call for Participation
September 8, 2016: ACRI-2016 Workshops

Requirements for Submission

Proposals for Workshops should be a maximum of 5 (fives) pages in length and should contain the following information:

1. Title of the Workshop.

2. A technical description of the workshop, specifying the workshop goals, the technical issues that it will address, and the relevance of the workshop to the main conference.

3. A discussion of why and to whom the workshop is of interest.

4. A list of related workshops held within the last three years, if any, and their relation to the proposed workshop. Information about previous offerings of the proposed workshop: when and where it has been offered in the past (i.e., with ACRI or another conference), organizers names and affiliations, number of submissions, acceptances and registered attendees, and follow-up publications, if any (e.g., journal special issues).

5. A preliminary workshop agenda and a proposed schedule for organizing the workshop. This should include a brief description of how the organizers intend to encourage an atmosphere appropriate for a workshop.

6. Description of the paper review process and acceptance standards.

7. The names, affiliations and email addresses of the proposed workshop organizing committee. This committee should consist of three or four people knowledgeable about the technical issues to be addressed. The organizing committee should include individuals from multiple institutions.

8. The name of the primary contact for the organizing committee (this person must reply promptly to email messages).

9. List of potential program committee members, including their affiliations.

10. Expected duration of the workshop (half or a full day).

11. A list of places (distribution lists, web sites, journals, etc.) where the workshop is planned to be advertised.

All proposals should be submitted by electronic mail, to the ACRI-2016 Workshop Chair email address (bandini@disco.unimib.it) as soon as possible and no later than January 15, 2016.

The selection of the workshops to be included in the final ACRI program will be done by the general chairs of ACRI 2016 based on the advice of the workshop chairs. The selection is based upon multiple factors, including: the scientific/technical interest of the topics, the clarity of the proposal in addressing the requested information, the innovative character of workshop topics, the cross-disciplinary nature of the workshop, the proposed tutorial session, and the capacity of the conference workshop program.

Responsibilities of ACRI and Workshop Organizers

For all accepted proposals, ACRI will be responsible for:
- Providing publicity for the workshop series as a whole.
- Providing logistic support and a meeting place for the workshop.
- Together with the organizers, determining the workshop date and time.
- ACRI reserves the right to cancel workshops, for example in case of low number of registrants (less than 15). In such case, accepted submissions can be transferred to the main track of ACRI.

Workshop organizers will be responsible for:
- Setting up a website for the workshop.
- Advertising the workshop and issuing a call for papers (by February 7, 2016) and a call for participation (by June 15, 2016).
- Collecting and evaluating submissions, notifying authors of acceptance or rejection on a timely basis, and ensuring a transparent and fair selection process.
- All workshop organizers are strongly advised to adopt the same deadlines for paper submissions and notifications of acceptance.

Please send proposals and inquiries to the ACRI-2016 Workshops Chair:

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