ACM DIS 2008: The Conference on Designing Interactive Systems

DIS 2008 is the first main SIGCHI conference to be held in Africa. It is being held in Cape Town in conjunction with the annual African design conference – Design Indaba – from 25th to 27th of February 2008. The conference aims to bring together creative people from all over the globe.

Scope of the Conference

DIS 2008 welcomes papers on all varieties of interactive systems – digital books, e-commerce websites, home entertainment systems, hand-held shopping appliances, geographic information systems, immersive games and other environments, medical and health-care systems, networked communities, etc.

DIS 2008 welcomes papers on design analysis, design representations, design methods, design rationale capture, presentation and use, on innovation in design, and on tools and environments for designing interactive systems.

DIS 2008 welcomes empirical studies of design practices, including comparative studies, experience-based studies and lessons learned from design projects, investigations and development of formal notations and models, and new theoretical perspectives.

DIS 2008 welcomes papers exploring, defining, and developing the science of design.

Researchers, designers, educators, and students from all relevant disciplines are invited to participate, including anthropology, art and architecture, business, cognitive science, communication studies, computer science, ergonomics, design studies, education, graphic design, information systems, industrial engineering, interaction design, journalism, law, linguistics and semiotics, psychology, requirements engineering, sociology, software engineering, technical communication, and user experience design.

Submission Categories

DIS 2008 will accept research papers, workshop proposals, tutorial proposals, exhibition proposals and doctorial consortium submissions. All submissions are handled electronically via the website.

Research Paper Categories

DIS 2008 accepts 6 categories of research papers. The categories are intended to assist reviewers in understanding the kind of contribution an author is trying to describe. Authors should carefully categorize their submissions according to the following categories:.

- Design case studies: Accounts of the design (rationale, process, outcomes and evaluation) of an interactive product or system.

- Methods and tools: New theories, methods, and processes for use in designing and developing interactive products and systems.

- Reflective analyses: Thought-provoking, well substantiated analyses of issues related to all aspects of design.

- Fieldwork and ethnography: Findings, guidelines, etc. from studies of real world settings, with clear relevance to the design and deployment of interactive systems.

- Laboratory studies: Findings, techniques, methods, etc. from controlled studies of products, systems, and other phenomena relevant to designing interactive systems.

- Educational Issues: related to design education supporting the design of interactive systems.

Benefit statement

In all cases, a paper must break new ground and its contribution must offer a clear benefit. Authors should develop a 30-word statement of benefit for papers they submit. This statement will be used by reviewers to understand the scope and depth of a paper's contribution.

Paper format

All submissions should follow the ACM format: http://www.acm.org/sigs/pubs/proceed/template.html

Papers must be no longer than ten pages, including all additional material such as references, appendices, and figures. Full papers must include a title, sufficient space for the author names, contact information and affiliations, abstract, keywords, body, and references. The abstract must be 150 words or less and must be included in the paper; it must clearly state the paper's contribution to designing interactive systems. All references must be complete, accurate and accessible to the public, formatted in the prescribed ACM format style.

Submissions for workshop proposals, tutorial proposals, exhibition proposals and doctorial consortium submissions should be no longer than 3 pages.

Paper Submission

Contributions to all categories will be submitted electronically following a procedure to be posted on the conference website (http://www.sigchi.org/dis2008)

Submission deadline is July 31st.