

National and International Frameworks for Collaboration Between HCI Research and Practice

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This workshop will focus on methods of forging ties between industry practitioners and research communities. Furthermore the workshop focuses on the input that is required from government bodies to stimulate this collaboration. Participants will discuss enabling conditions for collaborative projects, based on the various practical research experiences of the participants.

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Workshop topics include the following:

- What leads to successful collaborative initiatives between research and industry?
- What kind of collaboration between universities, government bodies, research institutes and industry exists and which types are effective? How can collaborative work be encouraged and stimulated?
- What factors affect research and industry collaborations and how can they be managed (i.e. funding, intellectual property rights)?
- What additional factors exist with international collaborations and how should they be handled?
- What are the motivations for researchers and for practitioners to collaborate? What are the effects of differences in motivation?
- What are successful methods of educating young researchers and exchanging knowledge between practitioners and researchers?

- How can collaborations be evaluated with respect to the quality and impact of the developments on the larger HCI community?
- Which models are effective for improving future collaborative research? What can be learned from present models?

We solicit participants from various cultures in HCI: research institutes, industries or supporting bodies. Participant experience may be international or national with an industry or research focus. Workshop participants may be involved with strategy and facilitation of collaborative relationships or actively participating in such relationships. Related experience may be within or between organisations. We plan to distribute the call via the CHI conference and through the headquarters of existing national and international funding organisations. Prospective participants will be requested to submit a short case history of the organisation(s) they are working with and/or collaborative projects they have been involved with. Case histories should explain challenges faced and ways they were overcome. Communication between participants will be facilitated and encouraged prior to the workshop via email. All participants will be expected to distribute papers on their experience (in all phases of the process of developing research initiatives) in advance.

A maximum of 25 participants will be invited to participate in this one-day workshop. The organizers would also like to invite the participants of the workshop to contribute to the extended session on the afternoon of Monday, April 3rd where we will work together to summarise our ideas in written form (web document, poster, paper document, etc.).

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