

24th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (ACM SIGSPATIAL 2016)

Call for Workshop Proposals

Date of Workshops: October 31st, 2016¹

Location: San Francisco (Bay Area), California, USA

<http://sigspatial2016.sigspatial.org/>

The ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (ACM SIGSPATIAL) traditionally holds one-day co-located workshops on the day immediately preceding the first day of the conference. The workshops have proven to be very vibrant events, providing focused environment for exchanging ideas and experiences. ACM SIGSPATIAL 2016 aims to continue this practice and invites submissions of proposals for workshops. The proposals should be submitted as pdf-format attachment to an email sent to the Workshop Co-Chairs, Egemen Tanin (etanin@unimelb.edu.au) and Mohamed Sarwat (msarwat@asu.edu), by May 2, 2016.

The expected duration of a workshop is one day, and all the accepted workshops will take place on Oct 31st, 2016 at the main conference venue.

The proceedings of the workshops are to be published jointly with the conference proceedings and will appear in the ACM Digital Library. Workshops will benefit from the registration process of ACM SIGSPATIAL 2016. All workshops will have a common continental breakfast and common morning and afternoon coffee breaks. The workshops focus on particular aspects of the field and are intended to enhance the conference experience for those attending the ACM SIGSPATIAL Conference. The conference sets the registration fees for the workshops which are the same for each workshop and are set at a minimum level to recover costs of room rental, refreshments, and AV. No complimentary registration is provided to workshop organizers or keynote speakers or any other persons affiliated with the workshops. If workshop organizers wish to have invited speakers, any additional financial support must come from funds that are raised by the workshop organizers. All workshop organizers are also expected to attend and actively contribute their workshop organization. SIGSPATIAL reserves the right to cancel a workshop if such steps are not taken for a given workshop.

When composing the actual call for papers, workshop organizers are advised to explicitly mention that one author per accepted workshop contribution (paper, poster, demo) is required to register for the workshop and the conference, as well as attend the workshop to present the accepted work. Otherwise, the accepted submission will not appear in the ACM Digital

¹ Note that Oct 31st 2016 is a Monday. Many SIGSPATIAL workshops, including the most recent event in 2015, were held on Tuesdays. This year, the conference will commence one day earlier in the week and applicants experienced with SIGSPATIAL events should take a note of this new schedule for 2016.

Library version of the workshop proceedings. In short, SIGSPATIAL expects that each workshop is an active forum for lively discussions led by the organizers and authors of the associated papers.

Each workshop proposal must contain information deemed pertinent by the proposers/organizer which, at the minimum, should include the following:

- Workshop title
- Short description of the topic and the format of the workshop
- Brief explanation of why the proposed workshop is a good match with ACM SIGSPATIAL 2016.
- Names and contact information of the workshop organizer(s)
- Names of the members of the program committee (at least 50% must be already known to be able to contribute to the workshop development at the time of the proposal)
- Suggested important dates (paper submission deadline, notification deadline, etc. These may need to be adjusted with respect to the proceedings publication requirements)
- Expected number of participants
- A written statement representing for all organizers that they will register and attend the workshop, upon acceptance of the workshop to the program
- In case of previous instances of the workshop in any other conference, the historical numbers of participants
- In case of previous instances of the workshop, the historical submission and acceptance counts

The decision about acceptance/rejection of workshop proposals will be made by the Workshop Chairs in consultation with the SIGSPATIAL Executive Committee and the General Chairs, taking into account the venue capacity as well as viability. Alterations to the proposal may be requested during the course of the organization for the event.

Evaluation criteria include overall quality and the fit with respect to the expected ACM SIGSPATIAL 2016 program. Note that proposals are especially encouraged on emerging topics that are relevant to spatial information systems and algorithms. Notification regarding acceptance of particular workshop proposals is expected to be sent out by June 1, 2016. Applicants are encouraged to look at workshops in 2015.

The organizers of successful workshops will be responsible for their own review process. Publicity will be handled by the workshop organizers for the creation of a workshop website. Organizers are encouraged to actively promote their workshops, i.e. more than merely posting a call on a generic mailing list. The local arrangements chairs may require that all workshops adhere to a specific general timetable. Workshop organizers must inform the Workshop Chairs of the numbers of submissions and acceptances as soon as these numbers become available. Major decisions regarding a workshop should be made in consultation with SIGSPATIAL Workshops Chairs after the workshop acceptance. Workshops with fewer than 20 expected registrants or low number of submissions may be cancelled or reduced to a half-day format, at the discretion of the conference organization. All proposers and organizers of accepted workshops will be asked to register well before other registrations to SIGSPATIAL 2016 occurs and the workshop will be cancelled if such registration is not confirmed. In summary, SIGSPATIAL pursues lively debates and interesting ideas to appear at its

workshops and may alter the format of workshops that do not promise or are not on track to achieving this level of quality during the timeline towards the commencement of the conference.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Proposal Submission Deadline: May 2, 2016

Send the proposal (PDF, no more than 3 pages) to Workshop Co-Chairs via email:

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Notification of Acceptance: June 1, 2016