Announcement and Call for Participation

ACM DIGITAL LIBRARIES 2000

The Fifth ACM Conference on Digital Libraries

Sponsored by ACM SIGWEB and SIGIR

Friday June 2 to Wednesday June 7, 2000 at the Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA.

http://www.dl00.org/

ACM Digital Libraries is the major international forum on digital libraries, with a comprehensive program for the presentation of new results from the diverse fields that study and develop digital libraries. The conference draws from a community with a wide range of interests, encompassing aspects of system design, implementation experience, evaluation, collection design, intellectual property issues, social issues, governmental policy issues, economic issues, user communities, and theoretical considerations. Computer scientists, librarians, information scientists, archivists, social scientists and others in academia, government, commerce, and industry – from around the globe –who are leaders in the digital library area will attend. The conference attracts a broad range of professionals including theoreticians, collection developers, publishers, researchers, educators, policy makers, practitioners, developers, and designers of systems, interfaces, and related applications.

LOCATION

ACM Digital Libraries 2000 will be co-located with the ACM Hypertext 2000 conference, making it easy for delegates to attend both of these highly relevant conferences one after the other. For more information about Hypertext 2000, see http://www.ht00.org/.

Both conferences are being held in the beautiful and historic Menger hotel, located in the heart of San Antonio, Texas. The city of San Antonio is a popular tourist destination, with plenty to see and do within walking distance of the Menger, as well as many other attractions within a short driving distance. See http://www.mengerhotel.com/ for more information on the hotel and its local attractions.

CONFERENCE SUBMISSIONS

Reflecting the conference's subject area, submissions on all topic areas are welcome, and will receive full and equal consideration. Submissions to Digital Libraries 2000 may be full papers, short papers, posters, or proposals for demonstrations, panels, tutorials, or workshops.

Although submissions are not restricted in topic or scope, we expect, from past experience, that submissions will fall into one or more broad areas:

Research — Significant research results on all aspects of digital libraries, or their components, incorporating validation through implementation and use, as well as evaluation.

Policy — Discussion of significant policy issues related to the design, implementation, operation, and economics of digital libraries.

System — Systems issues in design, implementation, and operation of digital libraries, perhaps based on prototypes but strongly grounded by experience.

Experience/Evaluation — Analysis of library implementations and their application within a use context, including contributions from the perspectives of Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, and allied areas.

Fundamentals — Studies associating digital libraries with previous areas of thought and discourse. This explicitly includes topics within the realms of Library/Information Science and Philosophy. However, contributions in this area, as with the other areas, must be accessible to the range of conference attendees, including the more practical outlook of system developers.

PAPERS

Full and short papers will be included in the conference proceedings and will be presented at the conference. Papers must be original contributions (i.e., not previously published nor currently under consideration for publication elsewhere). Copyright assignment to the ACM will be required for accepted papers. The conference language is English.

All paper submissions should be in complete and final form and formatted according to conference guidelines. This is especially important as standards are strict and acceptance is highly competitive and hence papers will be peer-reviewed rigorously. We prefer papers that are strongly grounded through realistic implementation or through connection with previously demonstrated research and thought. Papers must both be a solidly-placed contribution within their own area of study but also be accessible to readers from outside of the main discipline of the paper.

Full papers are to be limited to at most 10 pages in final format (approximately 5000 words in length) and short papers to two pages in final format. Papers should include an abstract and keywords. Final format will be as in previous conferences: Times Roman, 11 point, 2 column format, with a printing area of 7 inches (17.8 cm) wide by 9.25 inches high (23.5 cm). Further details about paper formats and submission procedures will be forthcoming on the conference's Web site.

The conference awards the Vannevar Bush Award to the best full paper accepted for presentation.

POSTERS

Proposals are invited for posters that present work-in-progress, late-breaking results, or on topics that would benefit from exposure to the community. Each poster proposal should consist of a title, a one-page extended abstract, and contact information for the authors. Accepted posters will be displayed at the conference and may include additional materials, as limited by the space of the poster board. In addition, authors of accepted posters will be invited to make a short presentation at the conference. However, posters will not appear in the conference proceedings.

OTHER CONFERENCE SUBMISSIONS

Details about the requirements and format for other conference submissions can be found at http://www.dl00.org/.

DATES

December 1, 1999	Full Papers, Panel proposals and Workshop proposals due
January 21, 1999	Notification of acceptance for Full Papers
February 7, 2000	Short Papers due
March 1, 2000	Final copy due for all contributions
March 15, 2000	Posters and abstracts due (tentative date)
June 2-4, 7, 2000	Digital Libraries 2000 and Hypertext 2000 workshops and courses
June 4-6, 2000	Digital Libraries conference

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