

CFP: Internet Research 13.0: Technologies

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The 13th Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

October 18-21, 2012

MediaCity:UK - University of Salford

Salford - Greater Manchester - UK

<http://ir13.aoir.org>

Internet Research 13.0 will focus on the theme of technologies, understood in the broadest sense as crafts, techniques, and systems. The conference will examine the place of the Internet in the contemporary world and in relation to a range of existing and emerging technologies, considering its impact in a context where life is entangled with technologies of all kinds as never before. The conference will bring together scholars, researchers, students and practitioners from many disciplines to map and situate the development of the Internet as part of the history of human technology.

To this end, we call for papers, panel and pre-conference workshop proposals from any discipline, methodology, community or a combination of them that address the conference themes, including, but not limited to, papers that intersect and/or interconnect with the following:

- * the speed and acceleration of technological change
- * the past, present and future of technology
- * emerging and converging technologies
- * educational technology
- * cultures of crafting
- * connectivity and access
- * space, location and mobile technologies
- * technology, networks and attachments
- * technology and the body
- * technologies of the self
- * technology, regulation and ethics

Sessions at the conference will be established that specifically address the conference themes, and we welcome innovative, exciting, and unexpected takes on those themes. We also welcome submissions on topics that address social, cultural, political, legal, aesthetic, economic, and/or philosophical aspects of the internet beyond the conference themes. In all cases, we welcome disciplinary and interdisciplinary submissions as well as international collaborations from both AoIR and non-AoIR members.

SUBMISSIONS

We seek proposals for several different kinds of contributions. As in the past, we welcome proposals for traditional academic conference PAPERS, organized PANEL PROPOSALS that present a coherent group of papers on a single theme, as well as PRE-CONFERENCE

WORKSHOPS which focus on a particular topic. We also invite proposals that will focus on discussion and interaction among conference delegates. A common form of this type is the ROUNDTABLE SESSION, but we would also like to encourage other formats, such as OPEN FISHBOWL SESSIONS. (See the Wikipedia entry under "Fishbowl (conversation)" for a description of this format. Fishbowl sessions should cover broad topics of interest to a wide segment of the AoIR community.) Finally, we invite short 5-minute talks on topics of interest to the community as part of our Ignite-IR panels. Please see below for more information on this format.

DEADLINES

Submissions Due: 1 March 2012 (Papers, Panels and Pre-Workshops. Details below.)

NOTE: The submission deadline is a HARD DEADLINE; there will be NO extensions to this date.

Notification: 1 May 2012

Full Papers Submissions Due for inclusion in Selected Papers of IR: 1 July 2012

Ignite-IR Final Proposal Deadline: 1 August 2012

Ignite-IR Slides Due: 15 September 2012

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All papers and presentations will be evaluated in a standard blind peer review.

PAPERS (individual or multi-author) – submit abstract of 600-800 words

PANEL PROPOSALS – submit a description of 600-800 words on the panel theme, plus a 250-500 word abstract for each paper or presentation. The panel organizer must assemble these materials for submission

ROUNDTABLE and FISHBOWL PROPOSALS – submit a statement indicating the nature of the discussion and form of interaction, and listing initial participants. (In the case of a fishbowl proposal, this will include the name of the moderator, and the names of the first four speakers for the fishbowl.)

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS – please submit all workshop proposals via email to attwood@aoir.org. Workshop proposals should include names of presenters and a 1,000-word description.

IGNITE-IR – please submit a one-paragraph abstract and other information. Details at <http://ir13.aoir.org/ignite-ir>

Papers, presentations and panels will be selected from the submitted proposals on the basis of multiple blind peer review, coordinated and overseen by the Program Chair. Each individual may present only one paper during the conference, though they may be listed as a co-author on multiple papers. In addition to this one presentation, they may also appear on a panel, roundtable, or performance. The exception is the Ignite-IR lightening talk, which may be in addition to any other presentations.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Full papers submitted by the 1 July 2012 deadline will undergo review to be published in an open-access, online collection, Selected Papers of Internet Research (ISSN 2162-3317). A template and guidelines for preparing your final paper are available on the conference website (<http://ir13.aoir.org/papers>)

Selected papers from the conference will alternatively be published in a special issue of the journal Information, Communication & Society. Authors selected for submission for this issue will be

contacted prior to the conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

On 18 October 2012, there will be a limited number of pre-conference workshops and symposia that will provide participants with in-depth, hands-on and/or creative opportunities. We invite proposals for these pre-conference workshops. Local presenters are encouraged to propose workshops that will invite visiting researchers into their labs or studios or locales. Proposals should be no more than 1,000 words, and should clearly outline the purpose, methodology, structure, costs, equipment and minimal attendance required, as well as explaining its relevance to the conference as a whole. Proposals will be accepted if they demonstrate that the workshop will add significantly to the overall program in terms of thematic depth, hands on experience, or local opportunities for scholarly or artistic connections. These proposals and all inquiries regarding pre-conference proposals should be submitted as soon as possible to the program chair

(attwood@aoir.org) and!

no later than 1 March 2012.

IGNITE-IR

For the second year, the Internet Research conference will offer the opportunity to present short, five minute talks in rapid succession. Presenters provide a deck of twenty slides, which will auto-advance each fifteen seconds. Details on the session maybe found at the conference website. Because talks are intended to be of the moment, the submission deadline is much later than for papers: 1 August 2012.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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