

CFP: International Free Software Workshop 2013 (Porto Alegre, Brazil)

Date : February 8, 2013

Deadline for Proposals: 20 February 2013

Website: <http://softwarelivre.org/wsl>

From the pioneer software sharing communities created around UNIX to the community of Emacs hackers and beyond, Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) development has been growing exponentially, following the popularization and widespread usage of personal computers and the Internet. Not only have FOSS communities expanded globally, but also its body of literature, becoming relevant for computer scientists and engineers, as well as for researchers in the humanities and social sciences. In the past decade, FOSS research was consolidated around questions such as individual motivation, collaborative practices, issues of scale, governance, and coordination of development efforts, as well as problems of political economy, involving the study of economic models, and forms of political mobilization around Free Software.

Our main goal in this workshop is to evaluate the state-of-the-art in interdisciplinary research, exploring technical, legal, socioeconomic, and cultural aspects of FOSS. We will focus on the aforementioned research topics by discussing new contributions to the literature. We invite paper submissions from any academic discipline on the following and related topics:

- FOSS licensing and related legal aspects, copyright disputes, software patents, GPL compliance, collective and individual ownership of code;
- FOSS engineering, development methodologies, source code metrics, and software quality assessment;
- Social, cultural, and economic studies of FOSS, involving qualitative and quantitative studies of development and activist communities;
- FOSS case studies: in-depth analysis of cases of implementation, migration, success, or failure of FOSS projects worldwide;
- FOSS expansion and ongoing transformation: beyond software development and towards Free Culture, Open Hardware, Open Access, online independent journalism, and collaborative Internet-based projects.

About FISL and WSL

The International Free Software Workshop (WSL) is a scientific event which takes place within the International Free Software Forum (FISL). Since 2000, FISL is organized by Free Software activists in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and represents one of the biggest and most important FOSS conferences in the world.

WSL welcomes papers from different disciplinary traditions, offering the opportunity for professors, researchers, students, and other professionals to present and discuss original research developed at research centers, companies, or universities which develop, use, disseminate, and/or reflect critically upon FOSS in its technical, legal, socioeconomic, and cultural aspects. This call for papers can be found translated in other languages at: <http://softwarelivre.org/wsl>

Information for Authors

- Papers should be written in English, Portuguese, or Spanish
- Papers should have a maximum length of 20 printed pages, including abstract, figures and references
- Submissions must be in PDF (following the SBC template at http://tux.gseis.ucla.edu/template_SBC/)
- Papers should be sent my email to luisfelipe@at/ucla.edu

Papers will be evaluated by academic reviewers with experience in FOSS research, considering technical content and relevance for the workshop. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings and will be available in the open repository of the WSL community page (<http://softwarelivre.org/wsl>) under a Creative Commons license: Attribution 3.0 unported (CC-BY-3.0).

In addition to the conference proceedings, the organizers are planning to publish a book -- probably in digital format -- with the best articles submitted to WSL. For co-authored papers, the authors must define one presenter for WSL2013. The presenter will receive a promotional code to register free of charge for FISL. Accommodation and transportation expenses are not funded by FISL or by the WSL.

Important Dates

- Deadline for the submission of proposals: February 20th, 2013
- Publication of accepted proposals: Mid-April, 2013

- Deadline for final papers (camera-ready): April 30th, 2013

- International Free Software Forum (FISL), Porto Alegre, Brazil July 3rd - 6th, 2013

- Workshop Free Software (WSL), Porto Alegre, Brazil July 4th - 5th, 2013

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