



CALL FOR TRACK PROPOSALS – SAC 2006

The 21st ACM Symposium on Applied Computing

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For the past twenty years the ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary and international forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers and application developers to gather, interact and present their work. The ACM Special Interest Group on Applied Computing (SIGAPP) is the sole sponsor of SAC. The conference proceedings are published by ACM and are also available online through ACM's Digital Library.

SAC is based on a flexible structure of mostly self-contained and self-managed tracks. Over the past years SAC hosted tracks on a variety of timely topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, Computational Sciences, Database Technology, Data Mining, Embedded Systems, Evolutionary Computing, Parallel and Distributed Systems, Mobile Computing, Programming Languages, Software Engineering, and Web Technologies. SAC 2005, which was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, consisted of 30 tracks that hosted 275 accepted papers out of 764 submissions. More information on past SAC events can be found at <http://www.acm.org/conferences/sac>.

The 21st Annual SAC meeting will be held 23-27 April 2006 in Dijon, France, and is hosted by the University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France. The conference Steering Committee solicits proposals for organizing and hosting tracks. Perspective track chairs should submit an up to two pages description for organizing a track, which should include at least the following items:

- 1) The proposed title for the track with a description of its aims, topics it will cover and rationale for having such a track in SAC. This rationale should refer to any related conference events that are held regularly and why the proposed track differs from them or complements them. The proposed track should not be overly general but also not overly specialized, thus being able to attract a wide audience of people sharing similar interests. Proposals from industry are also welcomed. Despite its name, SAC also welcomes topics of mostly theoretical nature, provided there is clear practical potential in applying the results of such work.
- 2) A short description of the activities the track chair will undertake upon acceptance of the proposal, to disseminate the call-for-papers for his/her track, manage the review process and collect final materials from authors of accepted papers. (Specific guidelines to track chairs regarding these issues will also be provided.)
- 3) A short CV of the perspective track chair(s) with reference to research interests and publication record directly related to the themes of the proposed track, and any previous experience of involvement in the organization of similar events (in the interest of brevity, reference to a personal web page where such information can be found will be sufficient).

All proposals will be reviewed by the Steering Committee (SC) with respect to the above criteria. The SC reserve the right to: (1) accept a proposal as is, (2) require modifications before acceptance, (3) recommend merging of similar proposals with a considerable overlap in the topics addressed (in this case the track chairs of the different proposals will be asked to form a single chair), (4) reject a proposal. Upon acceptance of a proposal, the track chairs will be notified of their responsibilities in managing the affairs of their tracks; as such responsibilities are defined by both the ACM and SAC conference rules. The SC reserve the right to cancel at any time a track, if these responsibilities are not addressed adequately by the track chair(s).

Please submit your proposal electronically in any acceptable readable form to:

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IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 16, 2005: Submission of track proposals
Apr 30, 2005: Notification of acceptance/rejection
May 14, 2005: Call-For-Papers for accepted tracks
Sep 3, 2005: Submission of papers and tutorial proposals
Oct 15, 2005: Notification of Acceptance/Rejection
Nov 5, 2005: Camera-Ready copies of accepted papers