TPC Chairs' welcome

The CHI 2019 conference will kick off with a weekend packed with 35 workshops, 6 symposia, and the doctoral colloquium. This year we have introduced part-day workshops, to enable increased participation across the whole range of topics that are of relevance to CHI.

The main conference will run from Monday to Thursday across 23 parallel sessions that will include papers, panels, case studies, Special Interest Groups, courses, video showcase, alt.chi, and the popular student research and student design competitions. This year interactivity will consist of both demos and installations, with the latter being larger and more substantial exhibits that will be on display at the conference.

This great programme is included in the Proceedings and Extended Abstracts of the conference. As with previous years, there are two fundamental categories of contributions that become archived in the ACM Digital Library. Papers are the most rigorously peer reviewed and are considered the most prestigious material presented at the conference, all of which are collected in the Conference Proceedings. The remaining categories of work are collected in the Extended Abstracts of the Conference. These include peer-reviewed, juried, or curated contributions, and reflect the breadth of research, design, education, artistic, scientific exploration and engineering activity within the HCI community.

Making this programme possible was a challenging and rewarding experience. This year our community used a new template for the submissions, and a new platform for receiving submissions and managing the review process. In addition, this year the program committee meeting was largely carried out using online video conferencing.

We are truly excited that this year CHI received 4652 submissions and accepted 1298. For papers, we received 2958 submissions (the 2018 conference received 2592) which were rigorously reviewed, resulting in 703 accepted papers (acceptance rate 23.8%). In addition 21 journal papers will be presented at the conference.

As always, we give a huge thanks to the 116 members of the organising committee who made sure the conference is organised successfully, the 541 members of the programme committees who wrote 7996 reviews, and the 3950 external reviewers who wrote 7176 reviews.

We also wish to thank the staff at Sheridan Communications (particularly Lisa Tolles) who worked extremely hard to ensure that all submissions were processed, and who managed to do so at a time of transition in our community's templates and submission system.

We hope you enjoy the technical program and it inspires you!

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