



## iConference 2020 Sustainable Digital Communities

23–26 March, 2020  
Borås, Sweden



### CfP: iConference 2020 – Sustainable Digital Communities

Call for Participation for iConference 2020

Borås, Sweden

March 23-26, 2020

Conference website: <https://ischools.org/the-icongference>

Conference e-mail: [iconf2020@hb.se](mailto:iconf2020@hb.se)

Join us for the fifteenth annual iConference in Borås, Sweden, March 23-26, 2020, jointly hosted by the University of Borås, Sweden, and Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway.

**WHAT** The iConference brings together scholars, researchers and professionals addressing critical information issues in contemporary society. The iConference pushes the boundaries of information studies, explores core concepts and ideas, and creates new technological and conceptual configurations – all shaping interdisciplinary discourses. Visit our website for more information, including sample topics and links to past proceedings:

<https://ischools.org/the-icongference/>

**THEME** The iConference 2020 invites papers on all current critical information issues. Contributions within the theme of *sustainable digital communities* are particularly encouraged. Participants are invited to discuss sustainability from ethical, social, ecological, economic and technological perspectives. This includes trusting communities, equality, openness, privacy, cultural heritage and access to digital worlds. What are the consequences of the seemingly limitless expansion of production, processing and storage of information?

**WHERE** The conference takes place in Borås, Sweden. Borås is one of Scandinavia's key fashion and textile cities. It has deep-rooted historical links to the textile industry, combined with a contemporary artistic and cultural vibe, including a significant street art collection. The conference will be set in the city centre with easy access to hotels, restaurants, shops and public transport.

**ISCHOOLS** The iConference is presented by the iSchools (<https://ischools.org/>), a worldwide association of information schools dedicated to advancing the information field and preparing students and scholars to meet the information challenges of the 21st Century. Affiliation with the iSchools is not required – all information scholars, researchers, and professionals are welcome at the iConference.

**TRACKS** As always, the iConference will include rigorously peer-reviewed papers and posters, as well as workshops and sessions for interaction and engagement (SIEs), interspersed with various venues for networking. This conference will include a “Visions” track with papers that present ideas and visions that stimulate the iSchools research community

to pursue new directions. The Doctoral Student Colloquium and the Early Career Colloquium will encourage early-career researchers to engage with other scholars for discussions and sharing their research. The Student symposium will provide an opportunity for students to present their work and expand their networks.

**PUBLISHING** Springer's *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* Series will publish full and short research papers in the conference proceedings, which will be indexed by major services such as Web of Science and Scopus. Full and short research papers can simultaneously be posted as green open access to a repository. Posters and Visions papers will be deposited in the open access Illinois Digital Environment for Access to Learning and Scholarship (IDEALS) repository. Other submissions will be archived on the conference website.

### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

- \* Conference: <https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/>
- \* Submission Tracks: <https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/>
- \* Past Proceedings: <https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/proceedings/>
- \* Facebook iConference: <https://www.facebook.com/iConference>
- \* Twitter: @iConf | #iconf20

### **SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

All submissions must be in English using the templates and/or formats described on our website. All work should be original and not previously published. Complete guidelines can be found on our website's track pages <https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/>

#### **Submission dates**

Submission portal opens: late June, 2019

Full and Short Research Papers submissions due: **September 16, 2019**

Posters, Visions, Workshops, SIE submissions due: **September 23, 2019**

Doctoral Colloquium and Early Career Colloquium submissions due: **September 23, 2019**

Student Symposium submissions due: **October 15, 2019**

Doctoral Dissertation Award nominations due: **October 15, 2019**

#### **Notification of acceptance**

Generally: mid-November 2019

Workshops notifications: mid-October, 2019

Doctoral Dissertation Award notifications: mid-December, 2019

### **FULL RESEARCH PAPERS**

Full research papers should present new and original research results from empirical investigations and experiments, or from theory and model development. Full research papers should not exceed 6,000 words in length (excluding references). Each paper will be refereed in a double-blind process and accepted papers will be published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. The author(s) of the completed research paper judged the best of the iConference will receive the Lee Dirks Award for Best Paper.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/papers/>

Deadline submissions: September 16, 2019

Full Research Paper Chairs:

\* Toine Bogers, Aalborg University

\* Jannica Heinström, Åbo Akademi University/Oslo Metropolitan University

## **SHORT RESEARCH PAPERS**

Short research papers should explore new, provocative and cross-cutting themes. They might include, but are not limited to, critical literature reviews of an emerging topic, theory building that is in the early stages of development, or new analysis or methods applied to existing data. Short research papers should not exceed 3,000 words in length (excluding references). Each paper will be refereed in a double-blind process and accepted papers will be published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/short-papers/>

Deadline submissions: September 16, 2019

Short Research Paper Chairs:

\* Sally Jo Cunningham, University of Waikato

\* Geoff Walton, Manchester Metropolitan University

## **POSTERS**

Posters offer a short, interactive form of presentation and should present new work, preliminary results and designs, or educational projects. Poster abstracts should not exceed 2,500 words in length (excluding references). Poster abstracts will be refereed in a double-blind process and accepted abstracts will be published in the IDEALS proceedings.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/posters/>

Deadline submissions: September 23, 2019

Poster Chairs:

\* Masanori Koizumi, University of Tsukuba

\* Pamela McKenzie, University of Western Ontario

## **VISIONS**

The Vision track seeks papers that present ideas and visions that stimulate the iSchools community to pursue new directions in research, education and social interaction. We are especially looking for papers that open new perspectives and enable new ways of seeing. Empirically based, theoretically oriented, and critical papers are welcome. Contributions addressing challenges concerning sustainable digital communities may be prioritized. Visions papers should not exceed 3,000 words in length (excluding references). Papers will undergo a single-blind review and accepted papers will be published in the IDEALS proceedings.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/visions>

Deadline submissions: September 23, 2019

Vision Chairs:

\* Olof Sundin, Lund University

\* Kim Tallerås, Oslo Metropolitan University

## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops can be half- or full-day and are intended to foster interactive discussions, especially focusing on topics associated with the iConference 2020 theme. Workshops provide a great opportunity for attendees with shared interests who want an opportunity for intensive and timely discussions. Workshop proposals should not exceed 1,000 words in length (excluding references). Proposals will undergo a single-blind review and accepted abstracts will be archived on the conference website.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/workshops/>

Deadline submissions: September 23, 2019

Notifications: mid-October, 2019

Workshop Chairs:

\* Melanie Feinberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

\* Henrik Jochumsen, University of Copenhagen

### **SESSIONS FOR INTERACTION AND ENGAGEMENT (SIE)**

These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to present ideas, facilitate discussions, and foster knowledge sharing in unconventional ways. Formats can include panels, fishbowls, performances, storytelling, roundtable discussions, wildcard sessions, demos/exhibitions, installations and more. All should be participatory, informal, engaging, and pluralistic. SIE proposals should not exceed 1,000 words in length (excluding references). Proposals will undergo a single-blind review and accepted abstracts will be archived on the conference website.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/sessions-for-interaction-and-engagement/>

Deadline submissions: September 23, 2019

SIE Chairs:

\* Martha Garcia Murillo, Syracuse University

\* Radhika Garg, Syracuse University

\* António Lucas Soares, University of Porto

### **DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM**

The Doctoral Colloquium provides doctoral students the opportunity to present their work to senior faculty and engage with one another in a setting that is relatively informal but that allows for the fullest of intellectual exchanges. Students receive feedback on their dissertation work from faculty and student peers. Participants must apply and be accepted in order to take part. See further instructions about applications on the conference website.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/doctoral-colloquium/>

Deadline submissions: September 23, 2019

Doctoral Colloquium Chairs:

\* Simon Burnett, Robert Gordon University

\* Anita Komlodi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AWARD**

Recognizing the outstanding dissertation of the preceding year, this competition is open to all member iSchools. Each school may submit one dissertation for consideration. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500, the runner up \$1,000; both will be honoured at the iConference.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/dissertation-award/>

Submission deadline: October 15, 2019

Notifications: mid-December, 2019

Dissertation Award Chairs:

\* Koraljka Golub, Linnaeus University

\* Stasa Milojevic, Indiana University

\* Lihong Zhou, Wuhan University

### **EARLY CAREER COLLOQUIUM**

This half-day event is intended for assistant professors/early career lecturers, post-docs, or others in pre-tenure positions and will take place on the last day of the conference. The theme this year is "Mobility across iSchools and continents" and the colloquium will focus on mobility advantages as well as problems in working across countries and continents. Both an

employer and an employee perspective will be presented and discussed. Participants must apply and be accepted in order to take part. See further instructions about applications on the conference website.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/early-career-colloquium/>

Early Career Colloquium Chairs:

\* Ann-Sofie Axelsson, Chalmers University of Technology

\* TBA

## **STUDENT SYMPOSIUM**

The student symposium will be an opportunity for bachelor and master's students to present their research in a friendly setting of peers and invited senior researchers. Students will receive feedback on their work and they will have a chance to network with other conference participants and faculty members. The track will have its own organizing team of students at Oslo Metropolitan University and the University of Borås. Participants must apply and be accepted in order to take part. See further instructions about applications on the conference website.

<https://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/student-symposium/>

Deadline submissions: October 15, 2019

Student Symposium Chairs:

\* Terje Colbjørnsen, Oslo Metropolitan University

\* Carina Hallqvist, University of Borås

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS**

### **iConference 2020 Chairs**

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**Local organizing committee chair:** Alen Doracic, University of Borås