

CFP: iConference 2018 Transforming Digital Worlds

Call for Participation: iConference 2018

Sheffield, UK

March 25-28, 2018.

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

iConference 2018 takes place March 25-28, 2018, in Sheffield, UK. This is our thirteenth annual gathering of scholars, researchers and professionals who share an interest in the critical information issues of contemporary society. The theme of this first-ever UK-based iConference is “Transforming Digital Worlds” and the aim is to bring together thinkers and leaders from academia, industry and not-for-profit organisations, to discuss emerging challenges and potential solutions for information and data management in our rapidly changing world.

iConference 2018 is jointly organised by two of the UK’s iSchools: The University of Sheffield’s Information School and the iSchool at Northumbria. iConference 2018 will be hosted in Sheffield, a city of stunning landscapes – the greenest in Europe, creative, welcoming and rich in culture and history, but with a modern outlook and lots to see and do.

As always, the iConference will include peer-reviewed papers and posters, as well as workshops and sessions for interaction and engagement, interspersed with multiple opportunities for networking. As well as tracks related to the conference theme, we shall be continuing with the iSchool Best Practices and iSchools and Industry Partnership tracks that were introduced last year. Early career and next generation researchers can engage in the Doctoral Student Colloquium and the Early Career Colloquium.

For the first time, in 2018 the conference proceedings will be published in Springer’s *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* series and will therefore be indexed by major services such as Web of Science and Scopus. The papers will be published as Green Open Access allowing them to be deposited in institutional repositories as well as in the open access Illinois Digital Environment for Access to Learning and Scholarship (IDEALS).

The iConference is presented by the iSchools organization (www.ischools.org), a worldwide association of information schools dedicated to advancing the information field, and preparing students to meet the information challenges of the 21st Century. Affiliation with the iSchools is not a prerequisite of participation; we encourage all information scholars and practitioners to take part in the conference.

IMPORTANT LINKS

* Conference: <http://ischools.org/the-icongference/>

* Past Proceedings: <http://ischools.org/the-icongference/about-the-icongference/>

* Facebook: iConference: <https://www.facebook.com/iConference>

* Twitter: @iConf | #iconf18

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: <http://ischools.org/the-iconference/program/> **With the sole exception of the Doctoral Dissertation Award, all submissions are due by September 18, 2017.** Notification of acceptances (excepting the Workshops and the Dissertation Award – date for these are below) will be mid November, 2017.

* PAPERS

We invite papers falling into two categories: completed research or early work/preliminary results. Each paper will be refereed in a double-blind process and accepted papers will be published in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* and in the IDEALS proceedings. The author(s) of the completed research paper judged the best of the iConference will receive the Lee Dirks Award for Best Paper and \$5,000.

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

Papers Chairs: Kendra Albright, Kent State University; Noa Aharony, Bar-Ilan University; Mei Mei Wu, National Taiwan Normal University

* POSTERS

We welcome submission of posters presenting new work, preliminary results and designs, or educational projects. Posters will undergo a double-blind review, and accepted abstracts will be published in the IDEALS proceedings.

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

Posters Chairs: Hideo Joho, Tsukuba University; Frank Hopfgartner, Glasgow University

* WORKSHOPS

Workshops can be half- or full-day, and are intended to foster interactive discussions focusing on the topics within the iConference 2018 theme, namely, the relationships among information, people and technology. Workshops provide a great opportunity for attendees who share common interests and want to have intensive discussions.

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

Notifications: October 20, 2017.

Workshops Chairs: Andrew Cox, University of Sheffield; Alex Peng, Sun Yat-sen University

* 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 highly participatory, informal, engaging, and pluralistic.

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

SIE Chairs: Jenna Hartel, University of Toronto; Theresa Anderson, University of Technology Sydney

* 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, career paths, and other areas from participating faculty and student peers.

<http://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/doctoral-colloquium/>

Doctoral Colloquium Chairs: Kevin Crowston, Syracuse University; Elizabeth Shepherd, University College London

* 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.

<http://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/dissertation-award/>

Submission deadline: October 16, 2017

Notifications: January 15, 2018.

Dissertation Award Chairs: Joseph Tennis, University of Washington; Vivien Petras, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

* EARLY CAREER COLLOQUIUM

This half-day event is intended for assistant professors/early career lecturers, post-docs, or others in pre-tenure positions and builds on the tradition of highly successful events at past iConferences. Participants will sign up at registration.

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

Early Career Colloquium Chair: Kalpana Shankar, University College Dublin; Carsten Oesterlund, Syracuse University

* SPECIAL PROGRAM: iSCHOOL BEST PRACTICES

This special session will focus on issues pertaining to curriculum/teaching/student experience, and research and administrative management.

<http://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/ischool-best-practices/>

iSchool Best Practices Chair: Ann-Sofie Axelsson, University of Borås

* SPECIAL PROGRAM: iSCHOOLS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

This special session will explore the establishment of mutually beneficial relationships between information schools and industry, and the opportunities these programmes afford.

<http://ischools.org/the-iconeference/program/ischools-and-industry-partnership/>

iSchools and Industry Partnership Chair: Yvon Kermarrec, Telecom Bretagne; Sean T. McGann, University of Washington

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZERS

iConference 2018 Chairs: Val Gillet, University of Sheffield; Peter Bath, University of Sheffield; Gobinda Chowdhury, Northumbria University.

Program Chairs: Peter Willett, University of Sheffield; Julie Mcleod, Northumbria

University.