

The Doctoral Consortium of the

ACM/IEEE JOINT CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Call for Participation

June 13, 2011 – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The Doctoral Consortium forms part of the program of the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, and takes place immediately preceding the technical program.

What is the Doctoral Consortium?

The Doctoral Consortium is a workshop for Ph.D. students from all over the world who are in the early phases of their dissertation work (i.e., the consortium is not intended for those who are finished or nearly finished with their dissertation). The goal of the Doctoral Consortium is to help students with their thesis and research plans by providing feedback and general advice on using the research environment in a constructive and international atmosphere. Students will present and discuss their research in the context of a well-known and established international conference, in a supportive atmosphere with other doctoral students and a panel of established researchers. The workshop will take place on a single full day (June 13, 2011).

A panel of prominent professors and experienced practitioners in the field of digital library research in organizations from different countries and continents will conduct the workshop. They will review all the submissions and comment on the content of the thesis as well as on the presentation. Students will have 20 minutes to present their research, focusing on the main theme of their thesis, what they have achieved so far and how they plan to continue their work. Another 10 to 20 minutes is reserved for discussion and feedback from both the professors and other participants. In the course of the workshop students will also get advice on more general questions, e.g. the differences of Ph.D. studies in different countries.

There is no registration fee for doctoral students who are accepted for the Doctoral Consortium.

Call for Papers and Topics

Students interested in participating in the Doctoral Consortium should submit an extended abstract describing their Digital Library research. Submissions relating to any aspect of Digital Library research, development, and evaluation are welcomed, including: technical advances, usage and impact studies, policy analyses, social and institutional implications, theoretical contributions, interaction and design advances, and innovative applications in the sciences, humanities, and education.

To apply for participation at the Doctoral Consortium, please provide an extended abstract of your doctoral work and upload it from the link on the Doctoral Consortium webpage, <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=jcdl2011>. The extended abstract is restricted to 4000 words (approx. 8 pages). Submissions should be submitted electronically in pdf format. The abstracts should

- Clearly formulate the research question,
- Identify the significant problems in the field of research,
- Summarize the current knowledge of the problem domain, as well as the state of the art for solutions,
- Clearly present any preliminary research plans and ideas, and the results achieved so far,
- Sketch the research methodology that is to be applied,
- Describe the expected contributions of the applicant to the research area, and
- (For technical research) describes how the research is innovative, novel or extends existing approaches to a problem.

Submissions will be judged on originality, significance, correctness, and clarity. Workshop participation is limited to 15 Ph.D. students..

For further details please contact the Doctoral Consortium co-chairs:

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Proceedings

Accepted abstracts will be distributed to participants as the workshop proceedings. Participants will be invited to publish a revised version of their position papers in a special issue of the *TCDL Bulletin*, the publication of the IEEE-CS Technical Committee on Digital Libraries.

Important Dates

March 31, 2011	Deadline for submission of abstracts
April 26, 2011	Notification of acceptance
June 13, 2011	Doctoral Consortium
June 13-17, 2011	JCDL 2011