News

1. Conferences

1.1 10th ASIS SIG/CR

Classification Research Workgroup
An Interdisciplinary Meeting

J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C., United States, Sunday October 31, 1999, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The American Society for Information Science Special Interest Group on Classification Research (ASIS SIG/CR) invites submissions for the 10th ASIS Classification Research Workshop to be held at the 62nd Annual Meeting of ASIS, November 1–4, 1999 in Washington, D.C. The workshop will be held on Sunday, October 31, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the J.W. Marriott Hotel.

Scope
The ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop is designed to promote the exchange of ideas among active researchers with interests in all aspects of classification theory and application including creation, development, management, representation, display, comparison and compatibility.

Topics
Topics suitable for presentation papers include, but are not limited to:

– Analysis and explication of classification scheme(s)
– Application in information retrieval and expert systems
– Automated document classification
– Automated scheme generation
– Bibliographic classifications in new environments
– Classification algorithms
– Classification structures
– Cognitive representations
– Comparison of classification schemes
– Compatibility across classification schemes
– Concept acquisition

– Data structures for classification schemes
– Image classification
– Inheritance and subsumption
– Interfaces for display of classification schemes
– Knowledge management
– Knowledge representation schemes
– Mathematical techniques for developing semantic classes
– Natural language understanding
– Procedural knowledge in classification schemes
– Programming languages for classification schemes
– Reasoning with classification schemes
– Relations and their properties
– Semantic classes
– Social aspects of classification
– Software for management of classification schemes
– Subject analysis
– Terminology
– Thesaurus construction
– User-based classification strategies
– Warrant for concepts in classification schemes
– WEB organization/indexing/metadata

Submissions

The Classification Research Workshop welcomes submissions from various disciplines. Those interested in participating are invited to submit a full-length research paper for presentation at the workshop. Submissions may include a background paper as an attachment.

To submit a paper, please send:

1. the title and a 2–3 page, single-spaced extended abstract,
2. a brief, one-page statement describing the research interests of the submitter and the reason for participating in the workshop, and
3. name(s), affiliation(s), address(es), fax, phone, e-mail of submitting author(s) to the workshop chair by April 5, 1999.

Submitted abstracts will be refereed for acceptance. Authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to submit a full version of the paper which will also be refereed for inclusion in the workshop proceedings. Authors of full research papers are expected to attend the workshop.

All accepted papers will be published in the preliminary workshop proceedings that is mailed to early registrants prior to the workshop. Following the workshop, authors of full papers will be given the opportunity to revise their papers for final publication. The papers will be published in: Advances in Classification Research Vol. 10: Proceedings of the 10th ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop.

Previous proceedings have been published as Volumes 1 through 9 of Advances in Classification Research: Proceedings of the 9th ASIS SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop and are available from the publisher: Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055. Tel.: 609 654 6266. URL: http://www. infotoday.com

Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Submissions of abstracts should be sent to CR@DB.DK as an attachment to an e-mail. The attached file should be in the RTF format and titled with the last name of the submitting author(s). Abstracts should be in the hands of the workshop chair no later than April 5, 1999. If electronic submission is not possible two paper copies should be sent to the address below. Confirmation of receipt of a submission will be sent via e-mail.

Send submissions to: Hanna Albrechtsen, Royal School of Library and Information Science, Birketinget 6, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark. Tel.: +45 32 58 60 66; Fax: +45 32 84 02 01.

Deadlines
Schedule for submission of full-length research papers:

April 5, 1999
1) Extended abstract in English, single-spaced and 2 to 3 pages in length should be received by the workshop chair for refereeing by the program committee. The abstract should follow the APA Manual of Style (4th ed., 1994). 2) A brief, one-page statement describing the research interests of the submitting author(s) and the reason for wanting to participate in the workshop. 3) Name(s), affiliation(s), address(es), fax, phone, e-mail of submitting author(s).

May 13, 1999.
Notification of acceptance or rejection provided to submitters.
Instructions for full papers will be provided at this time.

June 25, 1999.
Full papers should be received by the workshop chair for refereeing by the program committee.

August 8, 1999.
Refereed papers are returned to authors with comments of referees for final revision.

September 1, 1999.
Final copies of full research papers in camera-ready condition are to be in the hands of the workshop chair for publication in the workshop proceedings.

Registration
Early registration fees for workshop participants are: $35.00 for SIG/CR members; $35.00 for presenters of full papers; $45.00 for participants who are members of ASIS; and $60.00 for participants who are not members of ASIS. Because the

workshop is separate from the ASIS Annual Meeting, an additional registration fee is required for the Annual Meeting.

Additional information
Access http://newarkwww.rutgers.cdu/asis.siger/crwork.shtml or contact the workshop chair via email at hal@db.dk

Workshop organizers
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1.2 The Second Asian Digital Libraries Conference
National Taiwan University
November 8–9, 1999
http://www.lis.ntu.edu.tw/adl99/

The Asian Digital Libraries Conference (ADL) tries to bring together researchers and developers from academia, industry and government to advance the research of digital libraries in Asia. The first ADI was held in Hong Kong in August, 1998. The second conference will be held on November 8–9, 1999 at the newly inaugurated University Library of the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. The conference will be immediately followed by IRAL'99 (Workshop on Information Retrieval with Asian Languages, 1999), to further facilitate interchange between the DL and IR communities.

Topics
The workshop will cover all research areas in digital libraries. Emphasis will also be given to issues pertinent to digitization of documents and artifacts of Asian cultures. Topics of particular interest include but are not limited to:

1. Collection
– Arts
– Humanities
– Archives
– Manuscripts
– Government Information
– Geographic Material

2. Digitalization and Preservation OCR
– Archiving
– Authoring
– Multimedia
– Watermark
– Image Processing

3. Information Organization
– Metadata
– Thesaurus and Corpus
– Knowledge Representation
– Multimedia
– Data Modeling
– SGML, XML, HTML, RDF

4. User Interaction
– Presentation
– Visualization
– User Study
– Evaluation Model
– Learning and Instruction
– User Feedback

5. Information Retrieval
– Automatic Indexing and Classification
– Intelligent Agent
– Cross-Language Retrieval
– Distributed Access
– Information Filtering
– Information Extraction

6. System and Infrastructure
– System Architecture
– Content Management
– Naming Scheme
– Network
– Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery
– Security and Access Control

7. Cultural and Social Issues
– Legal Issues
– Economic Issues
– Education
– Authentication and Authorization
– Publishing
– Policy

Submission requirements
Both original research papers and descriptions of existing systems and ongoing projects are solicited. Research papers can be up to 15 A4 (or letter) size pages, and system descriptions can be up to 8 A4 (or letter) size pages, all in single column, 1.5 spacing, 1 inch all around. The primary means of submission will be electronic, in Word, PostScript or PDF format. Submissions should be sent to adl99@mail.lis.ntu.edu.tw. Postal submissions will be accepted, too. All authors taking this option should mail 3 copies of their submitted papers to Program Committee at the address below. Additional details on submission guidelines will be posted at the conference homepage.

   ADL'99 Program Committee, Department of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University, 1. Section 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 10764, Taiwan, ROC, Tel.: +886 2 23660503; Fax: +886 2 23632859.

Important dates
July 31, 1999: Paper Submissions due
September 30, 1999: Notification of acceptance of papers
November 8–9, 1999: ADL'99 Conference

Reviewing process
At least 2 members of the Program Committee will be asked to review each paper submission. There will be one Program Committee meeting to make the final selections.

Location and accommodation
The conference is hosted by National Taiwan University, in Taipei, Taiwan. The university is centrally located and has a number of large hotels within walking distance. The university also has a limited number of guest rooms.

Contact information
General Co-Chair: Hsinchun Chen, Jieh Hsiang, Ming-der Wu
Program Committee Co-Chair: Hsueh-hua Chen, Yen-Jen Oyang
Tutorial Co-Chair: Chao-chen Chen, Chiou-shann Fuh
Local Organization Chair: Chu-ping Han
Treasurer: Wan-jung Chiu

Further information
Detailed information about the program, and about registration and accommodation will be made available at a later stage. For further information, please contact the local organizers at adl99@mail.lis.ntu.edu.tw or visit the ADL'99 home page: http://www.lis.ntu.edu.tw/adl99/

1.3 The University of Western Ontario, Government of Canada's Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canadian International Development Agency

1.3.1. Citizens at the crossroads: whose information society?
October 21–24, 1999, London, ON Canada

Abstracts and papers are invited for a conference to address issues related to the growth of the knowledge-based economy and society. Specifically the conference, as part of a government-wide policy research agenda, will address citizenship in the information society by exploring the forces that advance and impede civic participation domestically and internationally, in the developing and developed world. The conference is expected to attract both researchers and policy professionals.

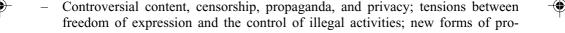Abstracts and papers are invited on these topics:

– Ownership and control of electronic and other media networks, services and information; different forms of commercial and political control; impact on access and on the exercise of citizenship
– Controversial content, censorship, propaganda, and privacy; tensions between freedom of expression and the control of illegal activities; new forms of propaganda and censorship; the protection of children
– Civic knowledge, education, and participation: rights and responsibilities and citizenship in an information society; is a virtual education, education?; how the net and other forms of communication expand and constrain civic participation.
– Democracy and political action: effects of new networks and the freer flow of information on national and other identities, political cultures and the way people mobilize for action within and across borders (esp. in biotechnology as information)
– Human rights, diversity, and marginalization: importance of access to information and communication media for human rights; risks of marginalization and homogenization.

Abstracts: May 31, 1999
Papers: October 1, 1999

Submissions should be sent electronically to *fims-conference@julian.uwo.ca* and should include a one-page abstract of a paper or panel proposal in MS word or ASCII format. In addition, the Program Committee needs a one-page C.V. or biography, which includes citations of relevant work. Selected papers should be no more than 30 pages. Papers not received by the October 1 deadline will be removed

from the program. The conference also intends to provide access to all accepted papers either through publication or via our web site. A monograph will be published based on a selected number of papers presented at the conference. Please check our web site at *www.fims.uwo.ca* after May 1 for conference and registration information.

1.4. Connections '99

The Fifth Great Lakes Information Science Doctoral Student Conference October 22–23, 1999
Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

For the past five years, doctoral students from Information Studies schools around the Great Lakes region have organized the Connections conference as a forum for the dissemination of doctoral research. The first and fourth conferences were held at the University of Western Ontario, the second at the University of Toronto, and the third at the University of Michigan.

This year's conference will be hosted again by the University of Toronto. In accordance with the founding principles of the conference, Connections '99 welcomes a diverse selection of papers that reflect the varying interests of students in the Information Science field. One of the primary purposes of the conference is to provide a non-threatening and friendly forum in which doctoral students at all levels can present their ideas and research. The conference is an ideal venue for anyone with an interest in the present state of doctoral research in Information Science.

Abstracts are being accepted from currently enrolled doctoral students for presentations in all areas of Information Science. Submissions must include a title and an abstract of no more than 300 words. The name(s) of the author(s), mailing and e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, institutional affiliation, personal homepage URL (or short 25–50 word bio) must be included with all submissions. Reports of research in progress as well as recently completed studies are welcome. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, with a 5-minute question period to follow. Abstracts will be blind refereed by doctoral students and faculty at the host institutions. Abstracts will also be published in the conference proceedings as well as a forthcoming issue of the Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science. Both English and French abstracts will be accepted.

Electronic submissions are encouraged and must be received by June 15th, 1999. Notifications of acceptance will be made by August 1st, 1999. Abstracts and queries can be e-mailed to: connect@fis.utoronto.ca or sent by post to the following address: Clement Arsenault, Conference Chair, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5S 3G6.

Watch the Connections '99 web page off the FIS home page (http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/people/dsa/connect.htm) for more details about the conference and registration information.

2. Schools

2.1 National Taiwan University. Department of Library and Information Science

Faculty Position
The Department of Library and Information Science seeks 1 to 2 excellent candidates to join its faculty. A Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science or related field and fluency in Chinese are required. The preferred candidates should have a research specialization and strong teaching competence in at least one of the following areas: information resources; information retrieval; foundations of information studies; representation and organization of information resources; collection development and evaluation. Research and teaching related to resources and collections will emphasize the variety of formats and media, and particularly digital materials. The candidates will be expected to teach required courses as well as electives. In addition to research and teaching, duties will include supervision of research at the Master's and Doctoral levels, and tutoring students. Applicants who pass the preliminary screening will be asked to interview and give a scholarly speech and should be responsible for travelling expenses.

Salary and rank depend upon qualifications. The position is available on August 1, 1999.

Applicants should submit:
(1) a curriculum vitae;
(2) a copy of the Ph.D. diploma;
(3) a complete set of transcripts of graduate studies;
(4) proof of past/current employment;
(5) academic works (including the Ph.D. thesis) published within the last three years of which have been accepted for publication;
(6) the bibliography of publications; and
(7) titles and outlines of courses (including bibliographies) which have been taught or can be taught in the future.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 1999. Application materials should be sent to: Hsueh-hua Chen, Prof. and Chair, Department of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University, No. 1 Roosevelt Road, Sec. 4, Taipei, Taiwan 106, R.O.C. Tel.: 886 2 2366 0503 ext. 11; Fax: 886 2 2363 2859; E-mail: sherry@ ccms.ntu.edu.tw.

Further information about the Department is available at http://www.lis.ntu.edu. tw.