ER 2018 Doctoral Symposium – October 22-25 2018 – Xi'an, China

Call for Papers

The ER 2018 Doctoral Symposium will gather together PhD students and academics working in conceptual modelling. The symposium offers PhD students the opportunity to present and discuss their research and to interact with other researchers, experts in the field of conceptual modeling, who can provide feedback on their research. To enable a fruitful discussion, we seek PhD students who are settled in their field but are also still open for valuable feedback. The symposium is open to any topic covered by the main conference and of strong relevance to the ER community.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions to the doctoral symposium comprise two parts: an extended abstract paper and a recommendation letter.

Part 1: Research Extended Abstract

Your extended abstract should be 5 to 8 pages long and must follow the Springer LNCS style. Each submission must be structured as an exposé, focusing on the research questions and the research design to tackle that question. PhD students should write the papers by themselves (single authored) and focus on presenting the idea behind the research in order to receive the most valuable feedback at the symposium.

Submissions to the ER 2018 Doctoral Symposium should be structured like this:

- A sound introduction to the research field – focusing on current challenges and opportunities.
- Clear specification of the research questions and the objectives.
- Brief description of related work highlighting how the proposal differentiates from prior work
- Justification of the selected research design, focusing also on the research methodology.
- Discussion of the current status of the proposed solution. How is the proposal an improvement over the current state of the art?
- Identification of outstanding issues and a roadmap for tackling them.

Part 2: Recommendation Letter

Ask your (primary) PhD advisor for a letter of recommendation. This letter should include:

- Your name
- An assessment of the current status of your dissertation research
- The expected date for defending your dissertation

The letter should be in PDF format and should be sent directly by your advisor via e-mail to the ER 2018 Doctoral Symposium Chairs, Xavier Franch (franch@essi.upc.edu) and Chaokun Wang (chaokun@tsinghua.edu.cn). This letter will be held confidential. The e-mail should have the subject "ER2018 DS – Recommendation - *YourLastName*".

Important Dates

Research Extended Abstract Submission:	15th July, 2018
Author Notification:	25th July, 2018
Camera-ready Submission:	31st July, 2018
Author Registration:	7th August, 2018

Submission Link

Submission is done through easychair, https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=er2018. Please select the Doctoral Symposium track when submitting.

Proceedings

Accepted extended abstracts will be published within the ER Workshop proceedings, in the Springer LNCS Series. The PhD student must be registered and attend the conference for paper presentation and discussion.

Further Information

Please check the ER 2018 homepage, http://www.nwpu-bioinformatics.com/ER2018/index.php#content.

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