



Conference Reports

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13th International Conference on Foundations of Digital Games (FDG 18)

Malmö, Sweden, August 7-10, 2018
fdg2018.org

FDG seeks to promote the exchange of information concerning the foundations of digital games, technology used to develop digital games, and the study of digital games and their design, broadly construed. The guiding vision for this year's conference was *Creating Games from the Player and for the Player*. The role of the player has evolved from being viewed as a mere consumer to a participant holding a key role within the game design, creation, and development processes. FDG 18 included presentations of peer-reviewed papers (with rebuttal process), panels, workshops, and posters. The conference also hosted competitions, tech demos, and a doctoral consortium. This year's FDG conference had nominated five papers with honorable mention, and one of them was awarded the best paper award by the conference attendees during a special session. We had the pleasure to host three invited keynotes by Katherine Isbister, Aki Järvinen, and James Newman, as well as an industry guest lecture by Stefan Gudmundsson from King. In addition to this, we organized the opening reception as an open event in cooperation with Game Habitat, with the aims of bridging the gap between Games Industry and Academia.

33rd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2018)

Montpellier, France, September 3-7, 2018
www.ase2018.com

ASE 2018, this year's edition of the premier

research forum for automated software engineering, was held at the CORUM conference center in Montpellier, and was organized by LIRMM (Laboratory of Informatics, Robotics, Microelectronics of Montpellier), CNRS, University of Montpellier, and LGI2P (IMT-Mines Alès), with the help of members from University of Toulouse, Bordeaux, ONERA and Université De Montréal (UDM). The first two days were allocated to workshops, tutorials, and the doctoral symposium. The main conference was held from September 5 to September 7, and featured keynotes, as well as papers from the following categories: technical (64), experience (5), new idea (11), journal first (4), and demo (16). The main conference attracted about 285 people from more than 38 countries, while workshops and tutorials welcomed respectively 64 and 30 people. As a major highlight, ASE 2018 attracted three internationally renowned keynote speakers, whose talks featured a quite diverse set of topics. In addition, ASE 2018 featured an IEEE CS Harlan Mills Award keynote address by Gail Murphy on "The Need for Context in Software Engineering". The ASE 2018 programme included four co-located workshops and three tutorials on topics such as testing, software variability, and model-driven engineering, as well as a Doctoral Symposium. The conference was supported by several industrial sponsors including Huawei, Mobioos, Berger Levrault, and Toyota InfoTech.

10th International Joint Conference on Knowledge Discovery, Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management (IC3K 2018)

Seville, Spain, September 18-20, 2018
www.ic3k.org/?y=2018

IC3K 2018 was held in Seville and was sponsored by the Institute for Systems and Technologies of Information, Control and Communication (INSTICC) and co-organized by University of Seville as a local partner. IC3K 2018 was held in cooperation with ACM SIGAI and several other national AI societies. IC3K is

composed of three co-located complementary conferences, the International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Information Retrieval (KDIR), the International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Ontology Development (KEOD), and the International Conference on Knowledge Management and Information Sharing (KMIS). IC3K received 167 paper submissions from 42 countries and 18% of the papers were published and presented as full papers. Four invited talks were delivered by internationally distinguished speakers, and the program also included a special session on “Managing Digital Data, Information and Records” and two tutorials, “Ontologies for Intelligent Vision Systems” and “Making Enterprise Ontology a Potent Instrument”. Additionally, a “Best Paper Award” and a “Best Student Paper Award” were conferred at the conference.

18th ACM International Conference on Intelligent Virtual Agents (IVA’18)

Sydney, Australia, November 5-8, 2018

iva2018.westernsydney.edu.au

IVA 2018 was the 18th meeting of an interdisciplinary annual conference and the main leading scientific forum for presenting research on modeling, developing and evaluating intelligent virtual agents (IVAs) with a focus on communicative abilities and social behavior. For the first time in its history, the conference was hosted in Australia. The venue for the conference was Western Sydney University’s Parramatta City Campus. The conference was attended by over 100 people from around the world and featured a programme of exciting keynote talks.



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