

The 7th International Conference on Intelligent Environments 25-28 July 2011, (workshops on 25-26 July 2011), Nottingham, United Kingdom

## **Call for Doctoral Colloquium Contributions**

As a part of the latest in the highly successful series of International Conferences on Intelligent Environments, we will be hosting a Doctoral Colloquial at the 2011 conference in Nottingham. The aims of this Colloquium are both social and educational - to provide research students in the early to mid phases of their PhD (or equivalent) projects an opportunity to meet other people in a similar position, to make relatively informal presentations on their work, to discuss each other's experiences, ideas and findings, to make connections and to have fun!

## **Important Dates**

- Submission of Abstracts (200-300 words): February 14, 2011
- Notification of Acceptance: March 21, 2011
- Submission of Full Paper: April 11, 2011

## **Submission Guidelines**

Research students should first submit an abstract between 200 and 300 words. On positive evaluation of this abstract, they will be asked to submit a short paper (maximum 4 pages), which shall be included in the conference proceedings to be published by IEEE. Note that the main author of all contributions to the Doctoral Colloquium **MUST** be a student registered for a PhD or similar research degree.

All submissions should be on research degree (PhD or similar) projects on topics appropriate to the Intelligent Environments topics, which are either (a) in a relatively early stage, but where the investigating student has already identified the nature and key aspects of the problem(s), and has ideas regarding how to solve them, or (b) is at a stage where interesting results are being produced, but the work is not yet quite at a stage appropriate to produce a long paper. As a minimum, papers should describe a research problem, explain why that problem is important and interesting, detail what the existing solutions (if any) or relevant methods are, including why these are not sufficient or satisfactory, and give some indication of the new solutions or

methodologies the student is pursuing. There should be enough substance to offer and stimulate discussion, but the work does not need to be complete.

Key aspects of the Doctoral Colloquium are the presentations of the papers, where research students present, discuss and defend their work. Thus, researchers will also be expected to give short, informal presentations of their work during the Doctoral Colloquium track session in the main conference, to be followed by a discussion which is intended to help the students optimise their research strategies. A prize will be awarded for the best colloquium paper, which will be announced during the main conference.

## Contact

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like included, or have any questions about the colloquium, then please email the colloquium chairs:

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