CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

SIGITE 2012 and RIIT 2012

The 13th Annual Conference on Information Technology Education
The 1st Annual Research in IT Conference
Calgary, Alberta, Canada, October 11—13, 2012

Find both conferences at: *http://sigite2012.sigite.org/*

The 13th Annual Conference on Information Technology Education and the 1st Annual Research in IT Conference will be hosted together by Mount Royal University and be held at the Hotel Arts in the city of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Both conferences are sponsored by the ACM Special Interest Group on Information Technology Education (SIGITE).

This dual conference provides a forum for sharing and developing ideas relating to Information Technology research, education, applications, IT-industry-academia relationships and our roles as professionals, educators, and advocates for the effective use of Information Technology. This year includes our introduction of a new IT Research conference; our aim is to provide a venue for showcasing research in information technology that may or may not have a connection with teaching IT. These two conferences, carrying the joint theme of *Working Together: Research & Education for IT*, will be co-located and tightly integrated; attendees will be able to attend sessions of both at no additional charge.

Calgary is a vibrant modern city with a population over 1.2 million, making it the fourth largest city in Canada. Host of the 1988 Winter Olympics, Calgary has an exciting cultural scene, ample shopping, and world-renowned restaurants. From peaks to plains, Calgary has also been blessed with abundant natural beauty. Whether it be rugged mountain parks, rolling prairies, boreal forests, or desert Badlands, there is no shortage of natural recreations in the near vicinity of Calgary.

Working Together: Research & Education for IT

As a new computing discipline, IT found its initial focus in the training of future IT professionals, and "teaching IT" received strong emphasis. IT faculty, however, frequently had strong research programs that fell across a wide range of specialties within computer science, Information systems, computer engineering, and others. As time has gone on, there has been an increasing need to recognize "research in IT" as more than a fragmented collection of pursuits in other computing disciplines. We are seeing a body of research developing that is uniquely characteristic of information technology. We anticipate that this dual conference will reveal a deeper synergy between teaching and research in IT, and will further encourage the recognition of this new body of research that is taking place around the world.

IT Education conference (SIGITE-2012)

We seek high quality, unpublished original works that describe a classroom experience, a teaching technique, a curricular initiative, or an educational research project involving an IT area.

IT Research conference (RIIT-2012)

We seek high quality, unpublished original works that describe results from recently concluded or ongoing research in an IT-related field. Both theoretical and applied research with impact within the field are welcome.

Papers: (deadline: June 1, 2012) Submissions will normally be no longer than six double-column pages and will undergo a blind peer reviewing process. Authors will have approximately 25 minutes for their presentations, including questions and answers. Accepted papers must be presented by at least one author and will be published in the conference proceedings.

Panels (deadline: June 1, 2012) Panels allow experts to discuss a current topic of interest in IT education or research. Panel organizers are responsible for selecting appropriate panelists to participate. A panel will normally have at most four panelists. Panel submissions should include a list of panelists, their affiliations, a description of the topic, as well as brief position statements from each panelist. Panel proposals are limited to 2 pages.

Posters (deadline: June 1, 2012) Posters present work currently in progress. A one-page summary of the accepted posters will be published in the conference proceedings.

Exhibits will be made available to publishers, software houses, and other interested vendors. Interested parties are invited to contact the Sponsorship Chair [**Dr. Robert Friedman, rsfit@u.washington.edu**] for information about presenting an exhibit at the conference.

Students are also encouraged to present papers at either conference. SIGITE will cover the conference registration and provide $200 towards expenses of attending the conference for the first ten accepted student papers. The ACM-W organization will add an additional $500 to this amount for the first ten accepted papers by female students.

Sheridan Press, the proceedings publisher, will send instructions by July 13, 2012, to accepted authors.

Dates to Remember (Updated 4/30/2012)

June 1, 2012: Paper, Panel & Poster submissions due.

July 9, 2012: Acceptance / Rejection notification & reviewer feedback.

August 8, 2012: Finished version due to Sheridan Press.

October 11-13, 2012: SIGITE-2012 & RIIT-2012.