The 14th International Conference on Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries
Yogyakarta, Indonesia, May 22-24, 2017

Call for Track Proposals
Deadline: November 15, 2015

Working Group 9.4
Conference 2017

ICTs for promoting social harmony:
Towards a sustainable information society

The Working Group 9.4 of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) gathers scholars and practitioners that deal with the issue on how ICT affects social development. In the last three decades and particularly, in the 21st century, ICT have been viewed as pertinent for social development given their role in assisting in bringing development to areas affected by natural disasters such as, the Haiti and Nepal earthquakes and the Arab Spring revolutions. Due to their pertinent role, ICT related research has been attracting scholars from information systems and a variety of other areas such as development studies, public administration, political science, political economy, social anthropology, and sociology.

The theme of the IFIP WG 9.4 2017 conference is: *ICTs for promoting social harmony: Towards a sustainable information society*. A harmonious society is viewed to be a peaceful and balanced 'connected whole' in a transformed social dynamics where there is a sustainable exchange of resources and development taking place through mutual agreements. As 'all problems of existence are essentially problems of harmony', the goal of development is apparently not only to ensure social harmony, but also to minimize the elements that undermine or disrupt the 'connected whole'. Ideally, the information society is seen as a 'classless and conflictless' inclusive community, which strives to use technologies to diminish structural barriers, democratize information, balance between power and dependency, and transform human values. However, in reality, it faces several challenges of, for example, political and religious extremism, infringement of privacy and security, disparity of wealth and social disconnection. As we are unavoidably intermingling towards the complex environment of information society, we need to critically investigate the 'social construction' role of information technology especially in the contexts of peace and conflict, cooperation, and development of human capital for creating a 'sustainable world'.

To address and emphasise this issue, we however welcome contributions from a wide range of perspectives, for example, public administration, entrepreneurship, business administration, information technology for development, information management/systems, philosophy, or management amongst other disciplines.

We welcome track proposals that support the theme of the conference. The proposals must include:
1. Track title
2. Name(s), email address, affiliation of track chair(s)
3. A brief motivation of the track
4. A brief overview of the research area
5. A short description of how the track aligns with the conference theme
6. Exemplar topics and types of contributions looked-for
7. A list of Associate Editors who can ensure that reviewers will be sought and to be responsible for the track's effective and efficient operations.

Please submit your track proposals to Programme co-chairs: **Jyoti Choudrie** (j.choudrie@herts.ac.uk) with a CC to **M. Sirajul Islam** (sirajul.islam@oru.se) by **November 15, 2015.**

The track proposals will be reviewed by the Conference co-chairs and the Programme co-chairs. An acceptance decision will then be made according to the fit and the merit of the conference theme. If accepted, replies will be provided with feedback (if required). Notification of acceptance will be communicated in December 2015. Upon acceptance of a proposal, it will be assumed that the Track Chairs will actively promote the tracks; organize the peer-reviewing of the submissions; and cluster papers into sessions.

We are looking forward to seeing your IFIP WG 9.4 2017 track proposals!

Other important dates
Call for papers: January 15, 2016
Paper submission: November 15, 2016
Acceptance notification: January 31, 2017
Resubmission: February 28, 2017
Conference: May 22-24, 2017

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