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Guidelines for Abstracts, Papers and Presentations

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Abstracts

Abstracts are invited on all topics of Lean Design and Construction. An outline of themes is provided for your guidance on the IGLC website (see Research themes), but this should not be seen as a restrictive list. All abstracts will be reviewed for appropriateness and relevance to the conference participants. Abstracts should be from 300 to 500 words, describing the subject, goals, contents and conclusions of the proposed paper. Abstracts are due from now through January 28th, 2007. Please submit your abstract by e-mail to c.l.pasquire@lboro.ac.uk

Abstract review responses will be returned within three weeks of receipt, and will include a recommendation of the type of paper to be submitted (see below).

In a recent survey and discussions at previous conferences, most IGLC participants expressed their preference for a single track conference. This effectively limits the number of oral presentations. At the same time, they also preferred that the conference be as inclusive as possible, allowing expression of a broad range of ideas. How can the apparent contradiction between the limited number of presentations and the willingness to be widely accepting be bridged? At IGLC 15, we will continue with two kinds of paper in the proceedings, and two kinds of presentation with the potential use of posters as a third kind of presentation if numbers of papers dictates.

Papers

The two kinds of paper are full length papers and short contributions. Full length papers will be allotted 10 pages in the proceedings (although particularly strong contributions may be allotted more space at the editors’ discretion); Short contributions will typically be 4-6 pages long. In the first round of review, based on the abstracts, reviewers will accept or reject (or recommend a change of focus for) abstracts. For accepted abstracts, they will also recommend to authors whether they should submit a full length paper or a short contribution. While anyone may submit papers of either kind, the short contributions are intended to encourage descriptions of industry implementations and of the early stages of PhD research projects. No fixed rules will govern the relationship between paper type and presentation type (see below): excellent short contributions may be allotted time for oral presentation, while full length papers may be assigned to poster sessions.

The final date for submission of full papers and short contributions will be April 2nd, 2007. Reviews, with notification of acceptance or rejection, will be due to authors at most four weeks after their receipt. Papers received after April 2nd will only be considered if slots are still available for presentation.

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This set of reviews will follow the peer review double-blind review procedure. However, in order to achieve the highest quality conference and proceedings possible, we strongly encourage reviewers and authors to engage in a dialogue aimed at improving the papers after notification of acceptance. The dialogue may remain anonymous, but if both parties (authors and reviewers) signal their willingness to enter into an open dialogue, the editors will provide direct contact information.

The final date for submission of publication-ready manuscripts will be set by the editors for each paper.

Presentations
Two kinds of oral presentations will be made at the conference: Long lectures (20 minutes) and Short lectures (10 minutes).

Long Lectures. The most thought-provoking full papers will be selected for long presentation. Long lectures of 20 minutes are intended to set the stage for discussion in each of the conference sessions. Session topics will cover the championship areas of the IGLC (see the IGLC website for a listing). The number of long lectures is likely to be limited to 11.

Short Lectures. Either full papers or short contributions may be selected for short lectures. The number of short lectures is likely to be limited to 44. Short lectures will be limited to 10 minutes. They will be selected according to quality and appropriate fit for the conference sessions.

If the number of papers submitted is exceptionally high, some papers will be selected for poster presentation.

Poster presentations. Full papers or short contributions may be selected for poster presentation. Poster presentation will require the author(s) to present and discuss their paper in a poster session preceding the lecture session appropriate for the topic. Poster presentation will require its authors to prepare a paper poster and/or a multimedia or slide presentation.

PhD students whose papers are not selected for oral presentation may be invited to present their papers orally in the Lean Construction summer school session to be held immediately following the main conference. Similarly, industry papers presented in the industry day prior to the IGLC conference may also be invited to present posters during the main conference.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and papers, and hope to provide an effective and efficient review process.

Sincerely,

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