

CALL FOR PAPERS

DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM



“Growing by Architecting on top of our memories”

Rome, July 4-6, 2012



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What is the Doctoral Consortium?

The Doctoral Consortium is a workshop for Ph.D. students from all over the world who are in the early phases of their dissertation work (i.e., in their first or second year). The goal of the Doctoral Consortium is to help students with their thesis and research plans by providing feedback and general advice on using the research environment in a constructive and international atmosphere. The Doctoral Consortium provides PhD students with the opportunity to meet and discuss with experts in their area. Students will present and discuss their thesis in the context of a well-known and established international conference outside of their usual university environment.

Up to 10 Ph.D. students will have the opportunity to participate. Students will be required to pay the registration fees of the ICALT Conference (student rates).

The Doctoral Consortium will consist of 3 sessions. The first session aims at giving students the chance to present their work to others and get familiar with the work of other PhD students in their area. Each PhD student will give a very brief presentation (about 3 minutes) about his/her work with focus on motivation and research problem. These presentations are followed by a poster exhibition where individual discussion about each student's work will take place. The third session aims at giving students feedback from an expert in their area and letting them discuss their work with him/her as well as with few other PhD students doing research in the respective area.

After the notification of acceptance/rejection, each PhD student with an accepted paper will be assigned to a small group consisting of 3-4 PhD students and one expert in their area. Each group will start to communicate and exchange their papers so that all

members of the group are familiar with the papers of each group member. During the third session, each small group will meet individually and further discussions of the works will take place with the expert in the respective research field and other PhD students.

Call for Papers and Topics

Submissions relating to any aspect of Advanced Learning Technologies research, development, and evaluation are welcomed, focusing on the main themes of ICALT2012. To apply for participation at the Doctoral Consortium, please submit a 2-page paper about your doctoral work using the ASK-Conference System at: <http://www.ask4research.info/conference/upload.php>.

The paper should:

- * Provide the title of the PhD Research, the name of the PhD Student and the PhD Advisor and the Affiliated Organisation
- * Provide a motivation for the research, explaining what the problem in the respective field is and why it is a problem,
- * Clearly formulate the research question,
- * Sketch the research methodology that is to be applied,
- * Describe the expected contributions of the applicant to the research area, and describes how the research is innovative, novel or extends existing approaches to a problem.
- * Appropriately acknowledge the possible contribution of non-student advisors or collaborators

Submissions will be judged on originality, significance, correctness, and clarity.

Additionally, at the same time as the paper is submitted via the conference system, an email from the main supervisor must be sent to sabineg@athabascau.ca, karagian@uth.gr, and antonella.carbonaro@unibo.it to confirm that the student is in his/her first or second year of PhD studies.

Eligibility

The Doctoral Consortium is **only for PhD students in their first or second PhD year**. Furthermore, the topic of the PhD thesis must be in the area of Advanced Learning Technologies.

Proceedings

Accepted papers will be publication in the IEEE proceedings of ICALT2012, following the Author Guidelines.

Co-Organization

The Doctoral Consortium is co-organized by the IEEE Technical Committee on Learning Technology.

Important Dates

February 1, 2012	Deadline for submission of 2-page paper and confirmation from PhD supervisor
March 1, 2012	Notification of acceptance
March 15, 2012	Authors' Registration Deadline
April 1, 2012	Camera-Ready 2-page paper for Conference Proceedings
July 4-6, 2012	ICALT2012 Doctoral Consortium

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