26th Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference
Research and Development in Information Retrieval

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Toronto, Canada

Call for Papers

SIGIR is the major international forum for the presentation of new research results and the demonstration of new systems and techniques in the broad field of information retrieval (IR). The Conference and Program Chairs invite all those working in areas related to IR to submit original research contributions, posters, and proposals for tutorials, workshops, and demonstrations of systems.

Topic Areas of Interest include but are not limited to the following:

- Machine Learning for IR, Text Data Mining, Clustering, Text Categorization
- Cross-language Retrieval, Multilingual Retrieval, Machine Translation for IR
- Topic Detection and Tracking, Content-Based Filtering, Collaborative Filtering, Agents
- Web IR, Distributed IR, Digital Libraries, Search Strategies, Citation and Link Analysis
- Text Representation and Indexing, XML and Metadata
- Video and Image Access, Audio and Speech Retrieval, Music Retrieval
- Performance, Compression, Scalability, Architectures, Mobile Applications
- Interfaces, Visualization, Interactive IR, User Models, User Studies
- Natural Language Processing for IR, Summarization, Question Answering
- Information Extraction, Lexical Acquisition
- Evaluation, Building Test Collections, Experimental Design and Metrics
- Formal Models, Language Models, Fusion/Combination
- Specialized Applications of IR, including Genomic IR, IR in Software Engineering and IR for Chemical Structures

Important Dates

October 31, 2002	- deadline for mentoring program
January 31, 2003	- submission deadline for research papers
February 28, 2003	- submission deadline for tutorial, workshops, posters, and demonstrations
April 11, 2003	- notification of acceptance for all submissions
May 9, 2003	- camera-ready copy due

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Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit research papers, posters, and proposals for tutorials, workshop, and demonstrations. Research papers are not to exceed 5000 words, must contain original, previously unpublished work, and are not to be under review by other conferences or journals. Posters and demonstrations offer researchers an opportunity to present late-breaking results, significant work in progress, or original research that is best communicated in an interactive or graphical format. For requirements and submission details, please see the conference website, www.sigir2003.org.

Mentoring Program

As part of our efforts to broaden participation, SIGIR 2003 will feature a mentoring program to assist authors with their submissions to the conference. Authors who have not previously had a full length paper accepted to SIGIR, and/or who are unsure about how to best prepare a paper for the SIGIR audience, will be able to request feedback on their
work from an experienced SIGIR author in advance of the submission deadline. Authors wishing to participate in the mentoring program should prepare a draft paper or extended abstract by October 31, 2002. For further details on the mentoring program, please see the conference website.

About Toronto

The largest city in Canada, Toronto is the most ethnically diverse and multi-cultural city in the world. The ethnic diversity of Toronto is reflected in its wide variety of fine restaurants, more than 5000, with over 80 varieties of international cuisine. The city is easily accessible. Toronto's Pearson International Airport is the third busiest gateway to North America, with daily direct flights from major Asian and European cities. 60% of North America's population is within 500 air-miles of Toronto. Toronto is home to professional baseball, basketball, football and hockey teams, as well as numerous museums and art galleries. The Niagara region, a short drive from Toronto, features vineyards and wineries, the Shaw drama festival, and Niagara Falls.

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