CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

The ninth IFIP World Conference on Computers in Education (WCCE 2009) is an IFIP event hosted by the Computer Society of Brazil: SBC (Sociedade Brasileira de Computação), and organized by UFRGS (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, UFSC Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, and IDESTI (Instituto de Capacitação, Pesquisa e Desenvolvimento Institucional em Gestão Social de Tecnologia de Informação). It is the first WCCE to be held in South America - without any doubt.

*Education and Technology for a Better World* is the main theme for WCCE 2009. The conference will highlight and explore different perspectives of this theme, covering all levels of formal education as well as informal learning and societal aspects of education.

The conference is open to everyone involved education and training. Additionally players from technological, societal, business and political fields outside education are invited to make relevant contributions within the theme: *Education and Technology for a Better World*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Education leaders
- Teachers
- Professional trainers
- Teacher educators
- Researchers
- Information experts
- Policy makers
- Curriculum designers
- IT Vendors
- Manufacturers
- Programme developers
- Publishers of learning resources

WHY ATTEND?

The conference aims to focus on available educational resources, exceptionally good educational practices, visions for future developments and historic perspectives. This event will be an excellent meeting place for both professionals and enthusiasts; experienced teachers and novices, who want to have up-to-date information on state-of- the- art and future learning environments. We want you to explore and make contact with other players to enrich your network for years to come.

We ask for contributions to a range of activities, not only traditional papers and panels. We invite you to contribute in new ways and modes; making use of Web2 tools and other 21st century cooperative and knowledge distribution tools:

- Papers
  - Full papers
• Short papers
• Posters, paper based
• Digital posters
• Workshops - prepared and announced on the WCCE website
• Expert panels
• Interactive collaborative sessions:
  • Group signing on (2 or 3 presenters)
  • Announce for partners on suggested theme
  • Live blogs with contributions from audience
  • Symposium: Set of three sessions aiming at producing a consensus
document (i.e.: on free software, bridging the digital divide, policy
declaration, Life long learning)
  • TV-show style presentation: two-three short introductions organised
by a programme leader - active involvement of the audience
• Demonstration

POTENTIAL THEMES AND TOPICS

Proposals are invited on a wide range of topics relevant to theme and may include,
but not limited to these streams (based on the Stellenbosch declaration, WCCE 2005):

• Digital solidarity
• Learners and lifelong learning
• Teachers - teaching and role of teachers
• Decision making strategies/policy
• Networking and collaboration
• Innovation and creativity in schools

Perspectives (Stellenbosch declaration):
  • societal perspective
  • learning and teaching
  • technology and infrastructure
  • research

Keywords:
• Accountability
• Administration
• Assessment
• Blended learning
• Classroom-based learning
• Classroom of tomorrow
• Change processes
• Digital literacy
• Evaluation and assessment
• Free software
• Home school links
• Inquiry learning,
• Information Technology in Education Management
Informal learning
Non-formal learning
Internet tool and resources
Learning and playing
Learning communities
Learning on demand
Learning management system
Lifelong learning
Management
Modelling
Net communities
Networks
New literacy
Personalised learning
Physical space and its impact on learning
Policy and policymaking
Problem based learning,
Raising Educational Standards
School feedback systems
Simulation
Teacher education
Theories and philosophies of learning
Cheap computers for all
Tools for learning
Web2 resources, Virtual Learning Environment

SUBMITTING CONTRIBUTIONS:

All proposed contributions must be submitted in English and in an electronic format adjustable to templates of the conference found at http://www.wcce2009.org/submission.html

All accepted contributions will be published in a pre-conference book with abstract only. A selection of papers will be published in the Education and Information Technology (EAIT) journal, in IFIP digital library or a post conference book.

Submission must contain:
• Type of contribution: paper, workshop, expert panel, interactive sessions, demonstration, poster,
• Theme from potential themes & topics list
• Title
• Author (s) name, affiliation, address, country
• Email
• Keywords (up to five) from WCCE keyword list shown on the website
• An abstract of 300 words summarizing the content of your contribution
• List of references
• A biography of the author(s)
Paper, workshop: provide a full text that include an abstract with a clear reflection of main points that will be addressed. (Indicate if your paper can generate a panel.)

Demonstration: provide an outline of the focus and overall purpose, a brief description of the programme, experiment, or web site, and list the major steps (agenda) planned for the session.

Poster: provide a clear presentation of the main theme on paper and/or in a digital format for presentation in conference proceedings and at the conference.

Panel: includes several short presentations/expert inputs leading to a panel discussion

Interactive collaborative session: Describe what kind of session that is planned and how it will be run.

WCCE 2009 Keywords list is shown on: http://www.wcce2009.org/

Contributions must be original and most not have been published internationally.

DEADLINE AND DATES
31st December 2008 Submission of papers
28th February 2009 Notification of acceptance
15th March 2009 Speakers final confirmation to speak
30th April 2009 Submission of final version of paper for publishing
30th April 2009 Submission of presentation material

SPONSORSHIP
Several opportunities are available for suppliers of relevant products and services to gain exposure to the delegates at both the conference and social events.

Diamond, gold, silver and bronze sponsorship opportunities are available offering:

Logos on promotional brochures, website and stationery, banners, adverts in speakers notes, corporate tickets to the conference and gala dinner and an exhibition stand.

In addition, specific items or events may be sponsored to gain further exposure such as:

- Conference
  - Bags / Published Proceedings / Pens & Pads
  - Delegate and Speaker Gifts
- Social Events
  - Welcome Cocktail Party / Lunches / Gala Dinner

WCCE 2009 - Bento Gonçalves, RS. Brazil. 27-31 July 2009
http://www.wcce2009.org
WCCE 2009
Education and Technology for a Better World

- SA Braai / Wine and Drinks / Entertainment
- Partner Programme

For additional information on how to become a sponsor please check: http://www.wcce2009.org/sponsor.html or contact us directly: http://www.wcce2009.org/contact.html

SOCIAL EVENTS:
- Welcome reception
- Conference dinner
- Cultural programme
- Accompany person programme

CONFERENCE FEE
- Early bid (before 15th March 2009): € 300 (including the proceedings)
- Normal fee: € 400
- Please check http://www.wcce2009.org/register.html for updated information on fees and other options (with or without proceedings, author´s and student´s fees).

ACCOMMODATION
The event will be held at Bento Gonçalves, RS - Brazil. We suggest the following hotels, since they are offering special promotional rates for the event. Other options are available and are listed at our website.

Dallonder Grande Hotel http://www.dallondergrandehotel.com.br/

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Dallonder Vittoria Hotel http://www.dallondervittoria.com.br/

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Rates per person including:
- 4 days at the hotel (28, 29, 30 and 31)
- Breakfast and Lunch during the event
- Transport from the airport (at Porto Alegre) to Bento Gonçalves (city hosting the event). Also included transportation back to the airport for departure.
- Transportation from the hotels to the Event Center.