

# **Call for Participation**

## **ASSETS 2007 – Tempe, Arizona**

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General Chair

### **Introduction**

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am pleased to invite you to submit contributions to the Ninth International Conference on Computers and Accessibility (ASSETS 2007).

The ASSETS series of conferences explores the potential for Computer and Information Technologies to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and those around them. ASSETS is the premier forum for presenting innovative research on the design and use of both mainstream and specialized assistive technologies to support people with disabilities. Over the past few years, the conference has grown and has attracted submissions and participants from all over the world. Since 1994, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and its SIGACCESS Special Interest Group on Accessible Computing have sponsored the ASSETS series of conferences.

ASSETS-2007 will take place in sunny Tempe, Arizona, from October 14 to October 17, 2007. The conference will feature a wide range of activities, including:

- technical paper presentations
- posters and system demonstrations sessions
- a whole-day doctoral consortium
- ACM student research competition

The single track and friendly atmosphere make ASSETS the ideal venue to meet researchers, practitioners, developers and policymakers to exchange ideas, share information, and make new contacts. Students, at any stage of their studies, interested in issues of information technology and accessibility, are particularly encouraged to consider participating in this event. Posters, demonstrations, the research competition, and the doctoral consortium offer exciting opportunities to showcase student work, to receive feedback from world-renowned experts in the field, and to establish contacts and collaborations. Reduced registration rates have been provided to facilitate student participation.

### **Topics of Interest**

High quality, original submissions on topics relevant to computers and accessibility are invited. This includes the use of technology by and in support of:

- individuals with hearing, sight and other sensory impairments
- individuals with motor impairments
- individuals with memory, learning and cognitive impairments
- individuals with multiple impairments
- older adults

Submissions should present novel ideas, designs, techniques, systems, tools, evaluations, scientific investigations, methodologies, social issues or policy issues relating to:

- assistive technologies that improve day-to-day life
- assistive technologies that improve access to mainstream Computer and Information Technologies
- innovative use of mainstream technologies to overcome access barriers
- accessibility and usability of mainstream technologies
- identification of barriers to technology access that are not addressed by existing research

Where relevant, work that includes empirical data from the target user group is strongly preferred.

## **Submission Procedures and Dates**

ASSETS accepts submissions in the following categories:

- Technical papers
- Posters
- Demonstrations
- Student research competition
- Doctoral consortium

All submissions will be peer-reviewed by an international panel. Submissions **MUST** contain substantial original, unpublished material. Please refer to the ACM policy on plagiarism for guidance. Information about submissions are available at the conference web site.

The organizers would like to encourage submissions from established researchers as well as from researchers that have not participated in previous editions of this conference. Authors who have never published at ASSETS can request a mentor. Mentors will be experienced ASSETS contributors, who can help authors to improve their submissions and facilitate the development of works that meet the requirements of the ASSETS conference. Requests for mentors can be made through the conference web page.

Important Dates:

- Requests for Mentors: March 25, 2007
- Paper submission: May 25, 2007
- Poster and demo submission: June 22, 2007
- Doctoral consortium submission: July 13, 2007
- Student research competition submission: July 13, 2007
- Notification of acceptance (papers): July 6, 2007
- Notification of acceptance (posters and demos): July 20, 2007
- Notification of acceptance (Doctoral Consortium): July 20, 2007
- Notification of acceptance (Student Research Competition): July 20, 2007
- Camera-ready materials due: August 8, 2007

Technical papers and abstracts from posters, demonstrations, and the student research competition will be included in the formal proceedings, published by ACM and available through the ACM Digital Library. A special issue of the ACM SIGACCESS Newsletter will be dedicated to the ASSETS-2007 Doctoral Consortium. Authors of the best papers will be invited to submit extended versions to a special issue of ACM Transactions on Accessible Computing (TACCESS).

## **Further Information**

For up-to-date information and submission instructions, please visit the ASSETS 2007 web page at:

<http://www.acm.org/sigaccess/assets07/>

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