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Dear SIGACCESS member:

Welcome to the new look of the online edition of the SIGACCESS Newsletter – with new layout, the use of sans-serif and larger font throughout, left-justification, and the inclusion of authors' short biographies and photographs (so that you can say hi when you meet them in meetings and conference).

This issue mainly reports the research that the doctoral students participating in the ASSETS 2008 Doctoral Consortium (DC) are working on. As always, the students are very enthusiastic about their experience at the DC. Some of their comments are included in p. 3 of this Newsletter. Finally, this issue includes a trip report of ASSETS 2008 in Halifax.

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Finally, you may publish your work here before submitting it elsewhere. We are a very informal forum for sharing ideas with others who have common interests.

Anyone interested in editing a special issue on an appropriate topic should contact the editor.

Comments from Doctoral Consortium Participants

I found the time spent at the Doctoral Consortium to be very rewarding. The Doctoral Consortium gave me an opportunity to interact with experienced professionals in my field, as well as peers. The useful feedback received from the team regarding my research project has greatly helped to shape my work. I strongly recommend the doctoral consortium to PhD students who are just starting out - *Grace Mbipom*

Doctoral Consortium of ASSETS 2008 was a very good opportunity to share ideas and to get valuable feedback from experienced research colleagues for the rest of my project. It let us know the state of the art in this area, related projects and colleagues working on similar topics. This knowledge will help us to fine-tune our research directions and to find collaboration opportunities with other researchers in this field - *Cagatay Goncu*

I feel so grateful to have attended the ASSETS 2008 DC. It has provided me with useful feedback from a panel of established researchers and students. I've also managed to establish good contacts with experienced researchers and fellow students - *Hasni Hassan*

The presentation of my beginning PhD at the Doctoral Consortium, and the questions I have been asked, gave me relevant feedbacks on how to improve my methodology, what phenomena should I have to look for, and what basis do I need to consolidate. We have had very useful discussions, with senior researchers or PhD students, about the research of each one, which gave me new ideas for mine. The poster session made me establish new contacts, meet people of which I had read articles before, and present my work to researchers from several different fields of knowledge. I think this Doctoral Consortium, and the poster session at the ASSETS main conference, were valuable experiences – *Jérémie Segouat*