

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 participate in 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.

Presentation Topics

High quality, original work on topics relevant to computers and accessibility will be presented at ASSETS-2007. 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

The work presented will be wide-ranging, including novel ideas, empirical work, 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

Further Information

For up-to-date information, please visit the ASSETS-2007 web page at:
<http://www.acm.org/sigaccess/assets07/>

For information on the conference venue, accommodation and attractions in Tempe, Arizona, please visit <http://www.acm.org/sigaccess/assets07/accommodations/index.php>

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