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(CTS 2008)**

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CALL FOR PAPERS

**Workshop on Culture and Collaborative Technologies
(Culture 2008)**

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Submission Deadline: January 21, 2008

Brief Description

In businesses, academia, education, and government settings, people increasingly must collaborate with people from other cultural or ethnic groups. Corporations are establishing global teams that allow them to take advantage of expertise no matter where in the world it is located. Outsourcing is on the rise, requiring interactions between U.S.-based members of a firm and the outsourcing locations. In education, there are many attempts to provide international experiences through distance education, satellite campuses, and educational chatrooms. And at home, people are now socializing with members of other cultures in chatrooms, bboards, and online multiplayer games. Studies suggest that these cross-cultural interactions often are problematic, due to differences in expectations, communication styles, preferences for different technologies, and many other factors. The goal of this workshop is to bring together those interested in bridging cultural differences in collaborative technologies to discuss the problems that arise in intercultural collaboration and how technology might help solve these problems.

Call for Papers

This workshop on Culture and Collaborative Technologies will focus on how cultural and ethnic factors influence the design, use and evaluation of collaborative technologies. The goal is to bring together researchers interested in cultural issues from academic, industry, and government communities. **Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):**

- Studies of cultural differences in collaboration processes

- Studies of collaboration problems in multi-cultural groups and teams
- New collaborative tools or environments to support multi-cultural collaboration
- New methods, techniques or technologies for studying multi-cultural collaboration

Instructions for Authors

All submissions should be emailed to sfussell@cmu.edu and cprose@cs.cmu.edu. Paper reception will be acknowledged by e-mail within 48 hours.

The format should follow the CTS 2008 format (instructions available at <http://cisedu.us/cis/cts/08/>). Papers drafts submitted for review should not exceed 10 pages. Some papers can be accepted as short papers, with a total length reduced to 5 pages. If accepted, the final manuscript must follow the CTS 2008 format that is to be made available on the conference Web site. The format is similar to ACM/IEEE conference formats.

Submissions should include the title, authors name, affiliation, e-mail address and postal address. In case of multiple authors, an indication of which author is responsible for correspondence should also be included.

All submitted papers and posters will be rigorously reviewed by the technical program committee members and the reviewers they invite. Papers will be selected based on their originality, timeliness, significance, relevance, and clarity of presentation.

Submission implies the willingness of at least one of the authors to register and present the paper, once accepted. All accepted papers are required to be presented and will be included in the conference proceedings which will be made available at the conference.

Workshop Organization

The technical program committee of Culture 2008 is co-chaired by

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Important Dates:

Paper Submission Deadline	January 21, 2008
Notification of Acceptance	February 11, 2008
Registration & Camera-Ready Paper Due	March 3, 2008

For information or questions about the full Symposium's program, tutorials, exhibits, demos, panel and special sessions organization, please consult the conference web site at URL: <http://cisedu.us/cis/cts/08/> or contact the symposium co-chairs: Bill McQuay at AFRL/IFSD, WPAFB (William.McQuay@wpafb.af.mil) or Waleed W. Smari at the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Dayton (Waleed.Smari@notes.udayton.edu).