

IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND EVOLUTION
(IEEE ICSME)
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Call for Proposals to Host ICSME 2022 and ICSME 2023

We are looking for candidates willing to host one of the next ICSME conferences!

WHO ARE WE?

The International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution (ICSME) is the premier international forum for researchers and practitioners from academia, industry, and government to present, discuss, and debate the most recent ideas, experiences, and challenges in software maintenance and evolution.

WHO CAN HOST?

Any ICSME community member who shares the values and goals of our community, along with a commitment to arrange an important international event, may apply to host our annual conference. The person and their team will need to have the strategic means (mostly human resources and available location) to organize a 3 day conference for an average of 150 participants plus 3 days of co-located events that have historically been organized together with ICSME, in particular VISSOFT (~30 participants) and SCAM (~60 participants). ICSME takes place usually in late September or early October. Historically, our conferences have been linked to academic institutions, although we are open to exploring other venues and situations.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS

The conference is a non-profit event under the umbrella of IEEE and the IEEE Computer Society. As such, all the money that derives from the conference registration revenue is re-invested to offer to ICSME participants the best opportunities and experiences for research and professional advancement.

COVID contingency plan: it should be taken into consideration that ICSME 2022 / ICSME 2023 may be held on-line (or in a hybrid mode) if the COVID pandemic situation persists -- the decision for going on-line or not should be taken by January 2022 / January 2023 at the latest.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

Candidates willing to host one of the next ICSME conferences are kindly asked to submit a proposal. The ICSME Steering Committee will carefully review each proposal.

DEADLINES

For ICSME 2022 conference: June 5, 2021

For ICSME 2023 conference: September 15, 2021

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROPOSALS

The ICSME Steering Committee will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

Conference organizers

- Have they been active and contributing OC members of ICSME or related conferences (SANER, MSR, etc.)?
- Do they have the following roles covered: General Chair(s) and local team?
- What experience do they have with conference organizing?
- How strong does the support of the local institution appear to be?
- Is there a plan for administrative support?
- Do organizers have a plan to attract new participants to the conference?
- How do organizers plan to attract a broad and diverse (disciplinary, cultural, demographic and geographic) participation?

Location

- Is the proposed location desirable and easily accessible for ICSME members?
- How safe, convenient, and affordable is travel for both domestic and overseas participants?
- Does it bring the conference to a new location?
- Do the organizers have a COVID contingency plan?

Facilities

- Are the meeting facilities appropriate and convenient to housing?
- Is inexpensive housing available for graduate students and others with limited budgets?
- Are there sites or opportunities for special conference events (banquets, social events) that have special appeal?

Dates

- Are the dates within the acceptable range for the conference?
- If the dates are outside the range, is the organizers' argument for those dates compelling?

Finances

- Is the proposed rough budget realistic?
- Do the organizers have a tentative plan for pursuing local resources to subsidize expenses and enrich the conference experience?

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You can submit your proposal and/or contact the current chair of ICSME's Steering Committee (Gregorio Robles) at grex@gsyc.urjc.es for questions or additional information.