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Subject: Support to Lyon's bid to host Interaction Week 2018

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Dear IxDA Board members,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of the application of Lyon for the organization of the Interaction Week in February 2018 in Lyon, France. As Director of LIRIS CNRS UMR 5205, I am strongly supporting the proposal put forward by Dr. Aurélien Tabard, his colleagues and Lyon's IxDA chapter for hosting Interaction Week in February 2018.

The research centre for images and information systems (LIRIS, <http://liris.cnrs.fr>) is supported by the French National Research Centre (CNRS) under the Grand 5205. LIRIS has a vast experience in organizing, with success, scientific events such as VLDB 2009¹, WI-IAT 2011², WWW 2012³, and we will be organizing EC-TEL 2016⁴, DEXA 2017⁵, Eurographics 2017⁶ and WWW 2018⁷.

LIRIS will be assisted in the organization task by a designated support structure, which will provide technical facilities. We have university-based companies that have a great deal of experience in the field of international events organization and coordination.

In addition to the 'technical support', our team has great ideas to organize networking and creative events to strengthen the link between students, companies and research centers. We already organize several hackathons every year, ranging from designing new IoT services, to redesigning libraries in the digital age, or digital literacy.

¹ <https://vldb2009.org/>

² <http://liris.cnrs.fr/~wi-iat11/>

³ <http://www.wwwconference.org/www2012>

⁴ <http://www.ec-tel.eu>

⁵ <https://liris.cnrs.fr/evenements-en/dexa-2017-aura-lieu-a-lyon-1>

⁶ <http://liris.cnrs.fr/eg2017/>

⁷ <https://www.aderly.fr/2015/05/la-conference-mondiale-www-revient-a-lyon-en-2018/>

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Moreover, one of our research team is actively pursuing research at the intersection of Interaction Design and Human Computer Interaction, publishing in venues such as DIS and CHI. As such, our staff and students will be actively supporting the organization of this main international event in Lyon. We will be particularly engaged in the Education Summit, which is a great opportunity for students, researchers and companies to collaborate and network for future projects.

For attendees, it will be the opportunity to discover our research center, and our ongoing research on interaction in multi-surface environments, mobile learning, interactive information visualization, as well as making and tangible visualization.

I strongly believe that the hosting team clearly qualifies for the organization of the Interaction Week in February 2018 and I am giving my strongest support for their application. By selecting Lyon, you can be assured of the warmest of welcomes and our undivided attention in making Interaction week a success.

Yours sincerely



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