Call for Papers and Participation

Eighteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence

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AAAI-02 is the Eighteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The purpose of this conference is to promote research in AI and scientific interchange among AI researchers, practitioners, and scientists and engineers in related disciplines.

The conference provides a forum for a broad range of topics, including (but not limited to) knowledge representation, machine learning, autonomous agents, planning, robotics and machine perception, expert systems, theorem proving, commonsense reasoning, probabilistic inference, constraint satisfaction, game playing, automated diagnosis, data mining, natural language processing, neural networks, reinforcement learning, and cognitive modeling.

As the national conference for all of AI, AAAI-02 is intended to play a centralizing and unifying role that complements more specialized conferences. To encourage papers that speak to the whole AI community, this year we will avoid multiple parallel sessions. Instead, all accepted papers will be presented as posters, and a subset will also be presented orally in a single plenary track. All papers will appear identically in the proceedings, and all will be subject to the same rigorous review process.

Timetable for Authors

- *January 22, 2002:* Electronic submission of title page, abstract and paper
- *January 23, 2002:* Submission of two (2) paper copies to AAAI office
- *March 15, 2002:* Notification of acceptance or rejection
- *April 9, 2002:* Camera-ready copy due at AAAI office

Electronic Title Page

Because of the blind reviewing process, we require that authors who plan to submit a full paper submit a separate electronic title page by the electronic paper submission deadline, January 21, 2002. This is done by using a web browser to fill out the form linked to the Authors Web site:

- www.aaai.org/Conferences/National/2002/Author/titlepage.html

The form will include the abstract, keywords, and other information as indicated. After submitting the form, the page will display a unique tracking number. Authors should print two (2) hard copies of this electronic title page (unstapled) and submit them with the hard copy of their papers as described below. Information for authors without access to a forms-capable browser will appear on the web site.

Paper Submission

Electronic paper submission is required. Instructions about how to do this will be available at the URL above. Authors should also submit two (2) hard copies of the paper. If an author has been excused by the program cochairs from submitting the electronic version of a paper, the author is required to submit six (6) hard copies of the paper. Both hard copy and electronic submissions may be no longer than 6 pages long including references, and formatted in AAAI two-column camera ready style. We cannot accept submissions by e-mail or fax. Please send papers to:

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Reviewing for AAAI-02 will be blind to the identities of the authors. Details on formatting and preparing the paper for blind review can be found at the authors' web site noted above.

Submissions to Other Conferences or Journals

Papers submitted to this conference must not have been accepted for publication elsewhere or be under review for another AI conference. However, to encourage interdisciplinary contributions, we may consider work that has been submitted or presented in part to a forum outside of AI. The guidelines of the AAAI policy on multiple submissions are fully detailed at the authors' web site noted above and must be carefully followed.

Review Process

Program committee members will identify papers they are qualified to review based on the information electronically submitted (the paper's title, content areas, and abstract). Their reviewing will be done blind to the identities of the authors and their institutions. The program committee's reviews will make recommendations to the senior program committee, which in turn will make recommendations to the program cochairs. Although the program cochairs will formally make all final decisions, in practice almost all will be made earlier in the process.

Publication

Accepted papers will be allocated six (6) pages in the conference proceedings. Up to two (2) additional pages may be used at a cost to the authors of $275 per page. Papers exceeding eight (8) pages and those violating the instructions to authors will not be included in the proceedings. *Authors will be required to transfer copyright of their paper to AAAI.*

Questions and Suggestions

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