AAAI-97 Workshops

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The AAAI-97 Program Committee invites proposals for the Workshop Program of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence's Fourteenth National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-97).

Workshops will be held at the beginning of the conference, July 27-28, 1997. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with a selected focus — providing an informal setting for active exchange among researchers, developers and users on topics of current interest. Members of all segments of the AI community are encouraged to submit proposals.

To encourage interaction and exchange of ideas, the workshops will be kept small, with 25-50 participants. Attendance is limited to active participants only. The format of the workshop presentations will be determined by the organizers. Organizers are encouraged to leave ample time for general discussion. Workshops will typically be one full day in length, although half-day and two-day proposals will be considered.

Proposal Content

Proposals for workshops should be about two (2) pages in length, and should contain:

- A description of the workshop. Identify the specific issues on which the workshop will focus.
- A brief discussion of why the workshop is of particular interest at this time.
- A brief description of the workshop format, regarding the mix of paper presentations, invited talks, and/or panels.
- The names and addresses of the organizing committee; 3 to 4 people knowledgeable in the field. Strong proposals include organizers who bring differing perspectives to the workshop topic.
- A list of potential attendees.
- An indication as to whether the workshop should be considered for a half-day, one or two-day meeting.

We especially welcome proposals that bridge the gap between:

- AI and other fields (e.g. AI and information-retrieval)
- Subfields of AI (e.g. integrating logical and probabilistic reasoning)
- Theory and experiment (e.g. computational learning theory bounds versus experimental results in machine learning)

Workshops could also be a great forum for careful elucidation of results of exploratory research, critique of existing approaches, or discussion of research methodology.

Submissions

Workshop proposals should be submitted as soon as possible but no later than October 8, 1996. Organizers will be notified of the committee's decision by October 29, 1996. Workshop organizers will be responsible for:

- Producing a call for participation. The Call is due November 19, 1996. This call will be mailed to AAAI members by AAAI.
- Selecting participants. Workshop attendance is by invitation of the organizers. Selection of attendees will be made by the organizers on the basis of submissions due March 11, 1997. Workshop organizers will need to provide AAAI with a list of the participants by April 1, 1997.
- Coordinating the production of the workshop notes. AAAI provides a small budget to cover publication, mailing and administration support. AAAI can reproduce copies of the working notes if materials are received by May 6, 1997. Working notes may contain a collection of statements by participants or other relevant material, but are limited to a total of 200 pages.

Scheduling the Workshop Activities

Workshop organizers who want to publish the papers from their workshop (or significant portions of it) will have the opportunity to do so through the AAAI Press. The Press (which retains the right of first refusal to publish) will furnish details of its program to interested organizers and authors.

AAAI will provide logistical support, and meeting places for the workshops, and will determine the dates and times of the workshops. Workshop participants who do not register for the main conference will be charged a workshop fee. AAAI reserves the right to drop any workshop if the organizers miss the above deadlines. Workshops are not to be used as a vehicle for marketing products.

Please submit your workshop proposal and address inquiries concerning workshops to:

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