



## CALL FOR TRACK PROPOSALS – SAC 2016

The 31<sup>st</sup> ACM Symposium on Applied Computing

April 3 – 8, 2016, Pisa, Italy

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For the past thirty years the ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary and international forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers and application developers to gather, interact and present their work. The ACM Special Interest Group on Applied Computing (SIGAPP) is the sole sponsor of SAC. The conference proceedings are published by ACM and are also available online through ACM's Digital Library.

SAC is based on a flexible structure of mostly self-contained and self-managed tracks. Over the past years SAC hosted tracks on a variety of timely topics such as Artificial Intelligence, BioHealth Informatics, Computer Security, Database Technology, Data Mining, Embedded Systems, Evolutionary Computing, Distributed Systems and Grid Computing, Mobile Computing, Programming Languages, Software Engineering, and Web Technologies. SAC 2015 consists of 42 tracks that received over 1211 submissions, with over all acceptance rate of 24%. More information on past SAC events and statistics can be found at <http://www.acm.org/conferences/sac/>.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual SAC meeting will be held on April 3 - 8, 2016 in Pisa, Italy. It is hosted by the University of Pisa and Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna University, Italy. The conference Organizing Committee solicits proposals for organizing and hosting tracks. Prospective track chairs should submit an up to two-page description for organizing a track, which should include at least the following items:

- 1) The proposed title for the track with a description of its aims, topics it will cover, and rationale for having such a track in SAC. This rationale should refer to any related conference events that are held regularly and why the proposed track differs from them or complements them. The proposed track should not be overly general but also not overly specialized, thus being able to attract a wide audience of people sharing similar interests. Proposals from industry are also encouraged. Despite its name, SAC also welcomes topics of mostly theoretical nature, provided there is clear practical potential in applying the results of such work.
- 2) A short description of the activities the track chair(s) will undertake upon acceptance of the proposal, to disseminate the call-for-papers for the track, and to manage the review process (*Current Track Chairs guidelines document is posted on SAC 2015 website, Downloads Page. Updated version will be posted on SAC 2016 website*).
- 3) A short CV of the prospective track chair(s) with reference to research interests and publication record directly related to the themes of the proposed track, and any previous experience of involvement in the organization of similar events. In the interest of brevity, reference to a personal web page where such information can be found will be sufficient.

All proposals will be reviewed by the Program Committee using the criteria described above. The Committee reserves the right to: (1) accept a proposal as is, (2) require modifications before acceptance, (3) recommend merging of similar proposals with a considerable overlap in the topics addressed (in this case the track chairs of the different proposals will be asked to form a single track), (4) reject a proposal. Upon acceptance of a proposal, the track chairs will be notified of their responsibilities in managing the affairs of their track; as such responsibilities are defined by both the ACM and SAC conference rules. The Committee reserves the rights to cancel a track at any time if these responsibilities are not addressed adequately by the track chair(s).

Please submit your research abstracts electronically to the START submission system in PDF format. Please see SAC 2016 website for the START system URL.

If you encounter any problems with your submission, please contact the Program Chairs.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Track Proposals:	May 01, 2015
Track Proposal Notification:	May 15, 2015
CFP for accepted Tracks:	May 29, 2015
Dissemination of track CFP	Jun 12, 2015
Paper Submission:	Sep 11, 2015
SRC Abstract Submission:	Sep 11, 2015
Tutorial Proposals:	Sep 25, 2015
Tutorial Notification:	Nov 13, 2015
Paper/SRC Notifications:	Nov 13, 2015
Camera-Ready Copies:	Dec 11, 2015
Author Registration:	Dec 18, 2015