

Summary of the PRAGMA 37 Steering Committee

Updates from Functional Area Role (FAR) Groups

- Communications: Heru Suhartanto (via zoom – it was 3 am in the morning for him)
 - Putting together abstracts from PRAGMA workshops
 - PRAGMA 36 Abstracts due Sept 28
 - PRAGMA 37 Abstract due end of October
 - Plan to have DOIs
- Training: Jason Haga, Prapaporn (Nan) Rattanatamrong
 - PRAGMA 37: Student organized speaker session, posters, lightening talks
 - Helped mentor expanded Student Leadership Group
 - Continued discussions for developing a joint CENTRA/PRAGMA student training program, involving multi-institutional mentoring and exchange
- Workshops: Kohei Ichikawa
 - Worked to obtain proposal to host PRAGMA 38
 - Discussed strategies and opportunities for hosting future PRAGMA
- Memberships: Fang-Pang Lin, Ruth Lee
 - Discussed strategies and opportunities for engaging new members

PRAGMA 38

- Reviewed and accepted the proposal from the University of Hong Kong to host PRAGMA 38
 - Dates: March 11 – 13, 2020
- Congratulations and thank you



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Proposal to Rebalance Working Groups

- Goal: Rebalance working groups to allow for broader engagement
 - Some groups were too big, some too small, some had intermittent participation
- Proposal was made by a subcommittee of the Steering Committee and shared with PRAGMA 37 yesterday
- Discussion
 - First chance for Steering Committee to share ideas face-to-face
 - Overarching goal was to rebalance working groups to allow for broader engagement, broaden scope in some cases, reflect what we were doing, and refresh groups
 - Basic design of proposed new model was to have two categories of group, focusing on
 - Applications and their needs for cyberinfrastructure and data
 - Infrastructure, both “core” as well as edge, including testbeds
 - Infrastructure: Balance seems about right, provided there are means to communicate between
 - AI and Core Infrastructure
 - Edge Computing
 - Applications: More work to be done to clarify roll of data, AI and other applications
 - One notion: To grow real presence in AI inside PRAGMA is to have a group charged with identifying, recruiting and growing AI expertise

Other Topics

- Proposals
 - Renato Figueiredo: Short overview of a preliminary approach to NSF about an edge computing prototyping activity driven by lake ecology and biodiversity
- Collaborative Overview 2019 – 2020
 - Most of the material received, will be put together in October

Thank you for your participation!

