FLAIRS-21
Coconut Grove, Florida, USA
15th-17th May 2008

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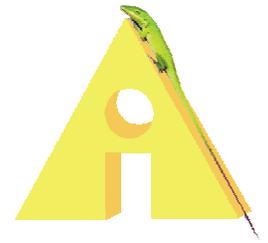
Call for Special Tracks

The 21st International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference (FLAIRS-21) will be held 15th-17th May 2008 at the Grand Bay Miami Hotel, in Coconut Grove, Florida, USA. FLAIRS-21 will feature technical papers, special tracks, and invited speakers. Coconut Grove is a few miles south of downtown Miami. It is known for its historic waterfront location on Biscayne Bay, and vibrant central district. The conference is hosted by the Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society, in cooperation with the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence and with the support of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Miami.

The FLAIRS special tracks are held in parallel with the general conference. A special track consists of a group of papers in a sub-discipline of artificial intelligence. Special tracks are an integral part of each FLAIRS conference: their papers are required to meet the same standards and are published in the conference proceedings, and the tracks run in parallel with the general conference. Special tracks provide researchers in focused areas the opportunity to meet and present their work, and offer a forum for interaction among the broader community of artificial intelligence researchers. Submission of proposals for special tracks at the conference is now invited. Topics of interest are in all areas of artificial intelligence - see the special tracks at FLAIRS-20 for examples.

Note: Special track chairs may submit papers to their own tracks. Those papers will be transferred out of the track for reviewing under the control of the conference program co-chairs. They will be reviewed by two members of the special track's program committee and two members of the general conference program committee. The decision of acceptance will be made by the conference program co-chairs. Accepted papers will be published and presented as part of the special track.

Proposal Instructions:
Proposals must be submitted to the EasyChair conference system, which can be accessed through the FLAIRS-21 website (http://www.FLAIRS-21.info/**)**. They must include the following information:

1. Title of the special track.
2. The track's organizational structure. In particular, how many submissions do you expect to receive and how many papers do you plan to have? A track may have up to 4 sessions, with 3 papers per session. Special tracks that fail to attract sufficient papers will be merged into the general conference.
3. Names and contact information for yourself and your track's program committee, all of who have agreed to serve on the committee. You should have enough members for each paper to be reviewed by 4 reviewers.
4. Promotional plans and materials, including a draft call for papers, specific plans for publicizing the special track, and the names of any speakers you are considering inviting. (FLAIRS cannot guarantee any form of financial support for special track invited speakers at this stage.)
5. Summary of any special tracks you have organized for FLAIRS over the last two years. In particular, what track(s) have you organized, how many submissions were received, and how many papers were accepted?

The criteria for acceptance of proposals include the following: the quality of the proposal; the potential for success of the special track, including the perceived level of interest to the AI community and the appropriateness of the organizing committee; and the history of the special track if it was held at prior FLAIRS conferences. Details are on the conference WWW site. Additional information can be obtained from the special tracks coordinator, Hans Guesgen (h.w.guesgen@massey.ac.nz).

Dates and Deadlines:
- Proposals for special tracks.. 25th June 2007
- Notification of acceptance of special tracks................. 6th July 2007
- Submission of papers .... 19th November 2007
- Notification of acceptance .... 21st January 2008
- Camera ready versions due .... 21st February 2007