SPLC 2009

Important Dates:
Submission: March 6, 2009
Notification: April 30, 2009
Camera ready: May 30, 2009

Review and Evaluation Criteria:
Submissions will be evaluated according to the relevance, originality, and feasibility of the work. For each paper at least one reviewer will be available at the symposium and there will be a unique opportunity for discussion among reviewers and participants.

Acceptance:
Accepted research abstracts will appear in the SPLC 2009 Proceedings (second volume). All submitters will be expected to be able to meet the tight deadlines for camera-ready submissions and to present their work at the SPLC 2009 conference. Authors will be notified of acceptance by April 30, 2009.

Doctoral Symposium Chair:
Eduardo Santana de Almeida
Recife Center for Advanced Studies and
  Systems - C.E.S.A.R
Reuse in Software Engineering - RiSE

Doctoral Symposium Committee Members:
• David Weiss, Avaya Labs
• Jan Bosch, Intuit
• Jaejoon Lee, Lancaster University
• John D. McGregor, Clemson University
• Klaus Schmid, University of Hildesheim

Symposium Organization:
The symposium is a half-day event to be held in conjunction with SPLC 2009. Each participant gets the chance to present his/her work (either as full presentation or as short presentation) and will get feedback from the panelists and the audience. In particular, the presenters will be provided with an opportunity for direct discussions with the reviewers.

Please visit the conference website for all details on deadlines, required formats, paper evaluation criteria, and so forth.

We invite you to be part of SPLC 2009. For more information about the venue, program, and conference organization, please visit the conference homepage at **www.sei.cmu.edu/splc2009/**.

Submission Guidelines for Doctoral Symposium

Eduardo de Almeida, Cesar, Brazil, SPLC 2009 Doctoral Symposium Chair

Goal:
The goal of the SPLC Doctoral Symposium is to provide a supportive, but challenging environment that enables students to further improve their research work leading to a Ph.D.

Students will have the opportunity to discuss their research, especially goals, methods, and preliminary results with the main researchers in the area. Thus, it is a unique opportunity for Ph.D. students to gather valuable expert feedback with respect to all aspects of their research work and to get into contact with other students who are at a similar stage of the Ph.D. research. The overall aim is to improve the quality and quantity of successful Ph.D. work in the area of software product lines.

Scope:
The event is dedicated to Ph.D. candidates (2nd year or later) with initial results that are still not mature enough for a full paper submission. The intent is to promote fruitful discussions and provide valuable feedback to the candidate, to be integrated into the final version of his/her thesis.

All topics that are relevant to the SPLC are also relevant to the doctoral symposium.

Submission and Evaluation:
How to Submit
Please read all of these instructions prior to submitting your paper.

To apply as a student participant in the Doctoral Symposium, you should prepare a submission package consisting of two parts, both of which must be submitted no later than the deadline, which is March 6, 2009.

Part I: Research Abstract
To participate, students should submit a research abstract electronically (PDF) to esa"at" rise.com. br. The submissions must be a maximum of 8 pages in the IEEE proceedings 8.5x11-inch, Two-Column Format. All submissions must be in English and in PDF format. To submit your abstract go to http://cyberchairpro3.borbala.net/splcpapers/submit/.

The research abstract should cover:
• The technical problem to be solved with a justification of its importance.
• A description of the related and prior work explaining why the identified problem has not been solved.
• The research hypothesis or claim.
• A sketch of the proposed solution.
• The expected contributions of your thesis research.
• Progress in solving the stated problem.
• The methods you are using or will use to carry out your research.
• A plan for evaluating your work and presenting credible evidence of your results to the research community.

Students at relatively early stages of their research will have some difficulty addressing some of these areas, but should attempt to do so the best they can. The research abstract should include the title of your work, your name, email address, postal address, personal website, and a one paragraph short summary in the style of an abstract for a regular paper. Submissions should contain no proprietary or confidential material and should cite no proprietary or confidential publications.

Part II: Letter of Recommendation
Ask your thesis advisor for a letter of recommendation. This letter should include your name and a candidate assessment of the current status of your thesis research and an expected date for thesis submission. The letter should be in PDF, and sent to: esa" at"rise.com.br with the subject of: SPLC-Doctoral-Symposium.