Submission Guidelines for Doctoral Symposium

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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/splcppapers/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.