

Announcing the ACM SIGIR Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR)

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The ACM SIGIR Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR, pronounced “cheer”) is a newly-formed conference sponsored solely by ACM SIGIR. CHIIR provides a forum for the dissemination and discussion of research on the user-centered aspects of information interaction and information retrieval. The conference focuses on elements such as human involvement in search activities, and information seeking and use in context. The conference represents a merger of two successful events: the Information Interaction in Context conference (IiX) and the Human Computer Information Retrieval symposium (HCIR), which have run since 2006 and 2007 respectively. IiX has traditionally attracted more attendees interested in information searching behavior and interactive IR, and HCIR has traditionally been more focused on search user interfaces. CHIIR builds upon the combined strengths of these events, placing an emphasis on human interaction with information, information seeking contexts, and user-centered approaches to information retrieval, access, and use.

In addition to studies of interactive systems to support information interaction and retrieval, CHIIR also encourages submissions on related topics. These include human-human information interaction, novel interaction paradigms, new evaluation methods, and research that draws upon related work in a range of communities such as sociology, ethnography, psychology, and human-computer interaction. We expect that papers accepted for the conference will contain rigorous evaluations of any new methods or measures that they propose, using techniques such as laboratory studies, field experiments, qualitative research designs, simulations of search behavior, or log analysis.

CHIIR is an annual conference taking place in March. The conference will alternate, at least initially, between North America and Europe. The 2016 event represents the first CHIIR. As such, we need to establish the schedule for where the conference hosting cycle will begin. We are accepting bids from any location in North America or Europe for CHIIR 2016 as well as CHIIR 2017 (closing date: October 31, 2014). The venues chosen to host CHIIR in these years will be announced to the community soon.

The steering committee for CHIIR comprises the following members:

- **Nicholas Belkin**, Rutgers University, USA
- **Katriina Byström**, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Norway & University of Borås, Sweden
- **Luanne Freund**, University of British Columbia, Canada
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- **Peter Ingwersen**, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Jaap Kamps**, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (SIGIR Representative)
- **Gary Marchionini**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
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- **Catherine Smith**, Kent State University, USA
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More information about CHIIR is available at <http://chiir.org>. Please direct questions about the event to Ryen White, chair of the conference steering committee, at ryenw@microsoft.com.