Call for Proposals to Host The 2020 Participatory Design Conference

The PDC Advisory Board issues this CfP to host the sixteenth biennial Participatory Design Conference in 2020.

The PDC 2020 conference will build on the previous PDCs, including PDC 2018 (Hasselt, Belgium), PDC 2016 (Aarhus, Denmark), PDC 2014 (Windhoek, Namibia); PDC 2012 (Roskilde, Denmark); PDC 2010 (Sydney, Australia); PDC 2008 (Bloomington, Indiana, USA); PDC 2006 (Trento, Italy), etc. In the spirit of participation, we encourage applications from geographic locations that have never hosted PDC.

Since 2012, between 200 and 225 people from 25-30 countries has attended PDC. The PDC proceedings volume is part of the International Conference Proceedings Series published by ACM and included in the ACM digital library. For more information about PDC, please see http://pdcproceedings.org.

To be able to decide upon a venue for PDC 2020 we would like to invite you to prepare a proposal to host PDC 2020 addressing the following issues:

1. The proposed hosting organization’s name and details: A documented commitment from a local research group/team and the host institution must be included.
2. Venue: Some initial information regarding venue, e.g. conference facilities, hotels, the city, and potential social program.
4. Initial organizing committee plans: We only ask for the names of the conference chairs and one program chair. The organizing committee must be negotiated with the PDC Advisory Board after acceptance of the proposal.
5. Budget outline: Overall estimation of registration fees, and sponsor plan.
6. Profile of the conference, including proposed theme and how this theme will promote participatory design while building on the themes of past PDCs.

Please contact the Advisory Board Chair Jesper Simonsen <simonsen@ruc.dk> if you have any questions and for assistance in putting together a good proposal. We also have additional resources and documents that provide further information about what the Advisory Board needs from applicants in order to make a decision on conference location:
- The “Plan-task list for PDC conf.organizers” is a ‘tool’ primarily for the conference organizer.
- The “Legacy from PDC 2014” addresses primarily the tasks of the program organizer.
- We also have a budget spreadsheet and emails with carefully written text that can be reused to obtain all the information that needs to be communicated.
The site for PDC 2020 will be selected based on the ability of the proposed conference site to continue and develop further the profile of the PDC conference series, the organizers’ previous experiences in putting together similar events, the international reputation of the people who would be in charge of the conference, and the attractiveness of the venue. We encourage proposals to pay attention to
- providing documentation of the organizational support at the host's end,
- a committed team of people that have a vision to develop PDC, e.g. by reaching out to other communities (academic and otherwise),
- the logistical expertise and resources to successfully host a conference of the size of PDC.

Deadlines and time table:
- 06/15/2017: Proposals to host PDC 2020 should be sent to the PDC Advisory Board Chair, Jesper Simonsen, <simonsen@ruc.dk> no later than June 15th, 2017.
- 07/01/2017: Initial response to bidders and request for additional info (if needed) before July 1st, 2017.
- 08/06/2017: Resubmission of additional material (if needed), August 6th, 2017
- 09/01/2017: The venue decision is planned to be made by the PDC advisory board no later than September 1st, 2017.

On behalf of the PDC Advisory Board,
Jesper Simonsen