Third Call for Proposals to Host The 2018 Participatory Design Conference

The PDC Advisory Board issues this CfP to host PDC 2018. The PDC proceedings volume is part of the International Conference Proceedings Series published by ACM and included in the ACM digital library.

The 2018 conference will build on the forthcoming PDC 2016 in Aarhus, Denmark, and previous PDCs, including 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.

Proposal Deadline: August 7th, 2016. We know that this is a tight deadline and we ask only for commitment from the hosting organization. Conference organization, theme, budget, etc. can be indicated in the proposal and planned in more detail after announcement of acceptance.

The proposal should include:
1. The proposed hosting organization’s name and details, including a documented *commitment* from a local research group/team and the host institution.

2. Proposed dates for the conference (preferably between August 15th and December 15th, 2018) and some initial information regarding venue.

3. Initial organizing committee plans, including ideas for general co-chair/s, at least one of whom should be local, and the program chairs. The organizing committee should be negotiated with the PDC Advisory Board after acceptance of the proposal.

5. Proposed conference theme. The theme might be discussed with the PDC Advisory Board after acceptance of the proposal.

Please contact the advisory board chair Jesper Simonsen <<simonsen@ruc.dk>> for 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 con-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 2018 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.

Proposals to host PDC 2018 should be sent to the PDC Advisory Board Chair, Jesper Simonsen, <simonsen@ruc.dk> no later than August 7th, 2016. The venue decision will be made by the PDC advisory board by August 19th, 2016.

On behalf of the PDC Advisory Board,
Jesper Simonsen