A 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 or that had limited exposure to the conference, particularly from PRC, the Asia-Pacific region, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North and South America.


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 venue details, including the city, conference facilities, hotels, and potential social program.

3. Organizing committee plans, including the proposed general co-chair/s, at least one of whom should be local, and the program chairs.

4. Proposed budget, including estimated number of participants and registration fees. Any plans for potential sponsors, including those possibly willing to underwrite the PDC, should also be described.

5. 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> 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 April 15th, 2016. The venue decision will be made by the PDC advisory board by July 1, 2016.

On behalf of the PDC Advisory Board,
Jesper Simonsen