
ECAI 2004

16th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence Valencia (Spain), August 22-27th, 2004

General Information

The *16th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (ECAI 2004) will be held in Valencia, Spain, on August 22 through 27, 2004. The conference will be hosted by the “Departamento de Sistemas Informáticos y Computación” (DSIC) of the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia.

ECAI is the more and more becoming a key reference point for assessing a worldwide State-of-the-Art in Artificial Intelligence. The conference brings together researchers from academy, software developers and users from industry and public organizations, offering them invaluable occasions to meet and exchange ideas, thus contributing to making real the upcoming “Information Society”.

Along with refereed paper presentations and invited talks by prestigious speakers, the conference will offer, on August 22 through 24, 2004, workshops and tutorials on most advanced topics.

Following an established tradition, the *Conference on Prestigious Applications of Intelligent Systems* (PAIS 2004) will run in parallel with ECAI. Its aim is to give an overview of the most significant real-world applications of Artificial Intelligence. For further information, please contact the Programme Committee Chair of PAIS 2004: Padraig Cunningham (ecai04pais@cs.tcd.ie)

For the second time, after the success at ECAI 2002, ECAI 2004 will also co-locate the Second *STarting AI Researchers Symposium* (STAIRS 2004), which aims to bring together doctoral students and young post-doctoral AI researchers, giving them a real opportunity for cross-fertilization between the experience of established leaders and the learning desire of the next generation. For further information, please contact one of the STAIRS 2004 Program Committee co-chairs: Eva Onaindia (stairs04pc@dsic.upv.es) and Steffen Staab (stairs04pc@aifb.uni-karlsruhe.de)

Location

The Conference will be located at the Computer Science School of the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia. Further information about the location can be found at the URL: <http://www.dsic.upv.es/ecai2004>.

Paper Submission

Submissions of substantial, original and previously unpublished work are invited in all areas of Artificial Intelligence. Submission is a two-stage process. Authors are asked to submit to the ECAI 2004 Program Chair (see below) a brief summary of their paper by Friday, **February 13, 2004**, followed by their full paper by Wednesday, **February 18, 2004** (23:59 CET). The

strongly preferred submission method for summaries is to use the web-based summary submission form. Submitted summaries will be assigned a unique tracking number that should be marked on the full paper submission. Authors without access to the web should send a summary including the title, authors, contact address and abstract of the paper (maximum 200 words), plus keywords to the ECAI 2004 Program Chair (by e-mail or postal mail). The summary information and the tracking number should also be included with the paper itself, on a separate sheet of paper. Authors not able to use the web-based submission form may omit the tracking number. The strongly preferred submission method for full papers is electronically, by e-mail. Only PDF files will be accepted. Submissions in hardcopy may also be made if electronic submission is problematic for the authors. In that case, six copies of the paper (each including the summary sheet) should be sent by postal mail or courier service to the ECAI 2004 Program Chair. The deadline for receipt of papers is **18 February 2004** (23:59 CET) for both electronic and hardcopy submissions. Papers received after this date will not be reviewed. Notification of receipt of full papers will be mailed to the corresponding author soon after receipt.

The papers will undergo an anonymous reviewing process. Notification to the authors is expected to start on **May 2, 2004**.

ECAI 2004 will not accept any paper which at the time of submission is under review for, or has already been published or accepted for publication in a journal or another conference. Authors are also expected not to submit their papers elsewhere during the review period. These restrictions only apply to journals and conferences and not to workshops or similar specialised meetings with limited audiences. The title page should include a statement that "this paper is not under review or accepted for publication in another conference or journal".

It is highly recommended to submit papers using the final camera-ready formatting style, except that author names should be omitted, and replaced by the tracking number. Submissions must not exceed five pages in camera-ready format. Submissions of unformatted papers are limited to 6000 words including footnotes, figure captions, tables, appendices, and bibliography. Each half-page of figures will be counted as 600 words. Overlengthy submissions will be rejected without review. Authors submitting unformatted papers must include a word count on their paper. Guidelines on the format of submissions will be available on the ECAI 2004 web page soon. Final versions of accepted papers will be required to conform strictly to the formatting requirements specified in the ECAI 2004 Style Guide. Each accepted paper will be allocated five pages in the proceedings. The proceedings will be published by IOS Press on paper and as a CD-ROM. The deadline for receipt of the camera-ready copy is **May 31, 2004**. At least one author of each accepted paper is required to attend the conference to present the paper.

As ECAI 2004 includes PAIS 2004 as a subconference, paper submission dates and procedures for PAIS are the same as for ECAI; please, do not submit papers directly to the Program Chair of PAIS. As papers submitted to PAIS shall undergo a separate review process handled by the Program Committee of PAIS, authors should clearly mark in the title page that it is a PAIS submission.

Submission of Workshop and Tutorial proposals

Proposals submission for Workshops (deadline: **November 1, 2003**) and Tutorials (deadline:

December 1, 2003) should be sent electronically (PDF files) to the respective Chair Persons.

All the details of the submission process will appear in the Conference Web pages at URL:

<http://www.dsic.upv.es/ecai2004/>

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Important Dates:

Paper abstract submission : 13 February 2004
Full paper submission : 18 February 2004
Notification of acceptance : 2 May 2004
Final paper due : 31 May 2004
Workshop proposals : 1st November 2003
Tutorial proposals : 1st December 2003