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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Social Recommender Systems  
(in conjunction with CSCW 2011  
<http://cscw2011.org/program/workshops.html>  
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Hangzhou, China, March 19-23, 2011  
<http://www.comp.hkbu.edu.hk/~lichen/srs2011/>

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Social media sites have become tremendously popular in recent years. Yet, the abundance and popularity of social media floods users with huge volumes of information and hence poses a great challenge in terms of information finding. Social Recommender Systems aim to alleviate information overload for users by presenting the most relevant and useful information items. Social recommender systems that suggest content (e.g., wikis and forum posts), people, and communities often use personalization techniques to adapt to the needs and interests of individual users, or a group of users. This workshop will bring together researchers and practitioners around the emerging topics of social recommender systems. We will review state-of-the-art advances in the field and identify key challenges going forward.

Topics of interests include, but are not limited to:

Social recommender technologies and applications

- Model of recommendation context (e.g., types of information needed) for social recommender systems
- Characteristics of online social sites in need of social recommenders
- Culture-specific social recommenders
- New algorithms suitable for social recommender systems
- New recommender applications for social media sites, e.g., people and community recommenders
- Recommendations for individuals and communities
- Social recommender systems in the enterprise
- Diversity and novelty in social recommender systems
- Recommendations for diverse user groups (e.g., new users of social media sites versus frequent users)
- Social network analysis and recommender systems
- Recommendations and the real-time web (Twitter, Facebook, and other micro-blogging services or activity streams)

User interfaces in social recommender systems (SRS)

- Transparency and explanations in SRS
- Adaption and personalization for SRS
- User feedback in SRS
- Trust and reputation in SRS
- Social awareness and visualization

Evaluation

- Evaluation methods and evaluations of SRS
- User studies

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IMPORTANT DATES  
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- December 19, 2010: Submission of title and abstract (500 words)
- December 30, 2010: Author notification
- January 7, 2011: Online registration through CSCW site (<http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=871132>)
- February 12, 2011: Submission of full paper (1 to 8 pages)

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PAPER SUBMISSION  
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We are seeking participants from academia and industry who are conducting researches on all aspects of social recommender systems.

An abstract of 500 words (with author names and affiliations) should be submitted in PDF format by email to [ido@il.ibm.com](mailto:ido@il.ibm.com) by **December 19, 2010**. The abstract should include a statement of the objective and significance of the proposed presentation, a description of methods and a discussion of results. The selection will be based on a peer review process.

Authors, whose abstract is accepted, will be required to further submit a full paper (1 to 8 pages long) by **February 12, 2011**, to be published on the workshop site. The full version should be prepared according to HCI Archive Format (<http://cscw2011.org/cfp/format.html#hci-archive>).

Full Paper Categories:

- Position papers (1 to 2 pages) - your research background and experiences in this area, and your interested topics to be discussed in the workshop
- Short papers (2 to 4 pages) - submissions typically discuss work in progress that is not yet mature enough for a long paper, or the description of a demo system
- Long papers (5 to 8 pages) - submissions should report substantial contributions of lasting value

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