

SIGecom News

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We have had another successful year! Before I forget: **join the SIG**¹ to keep our membership healthy and be able to participate in the nominating process for our new awards, and remember to use the *ACM Author-Izer* to drive additional revenue to the SIG.²

Our main conference, EC'13 was held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA in June 2013, and broke all previous attendance and submission records, achieving 210+ attendees and 221 submissions. Congratulations to everyone involved!

In recent years there have been a number of discussions about the name of the conference, in regard to whether it suitably reflects the breadth of our scientific community. There is no perfect name for a community such as ours, and this has been reflected in a vigorous debate of the pros and cons of our current and future conference name.

The SIG advisory board, consisting of previous EC conference and program chairs and SIG officials, voted in July 2013 by 15 to 10 in favor of a change of name, and strong support was also voiced by conference attendees at the business meeting of EC'13.

From 2014, our flagship conference will be named,

The ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC).

It is not our intent in making this change to signal a lack of interest in research in electronic commerce, and we continue to welcome papers related to its theory, systems, and applications. Rather, the new name signals our actual breadth, and makes clear that we welcome all papers of the highest quality that are related to the interdisciplinary area between economics and computer science. In adopting this name, we also recognize a continued commitment to involve economists in the organization and scientific activities of the conference.

The effect of this change is that we look forward to the *15th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*, which will take place June 8-12, 2014, at Stan-

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ford University, Palo Alto, CA. The General Chair is Moshe Babaioff (Microsoft Research), and the Program Co-Chairs are Vincent Conitzer (Duke University) and David Easley (Cornell University). EC'14 will be co-located with a meeting of the NBER Market Design working group and the NSF/CEME Decentralization Conference. The deadline for paper submissions is February 11, 2014.

Please consider submitting a workshop or tutorial proposal to EC'14. Workshops are a good way to bring together an interdisciplinary audience around a new set of problems. You might consider asking the workshops and tutorials chairs for informal feedback about ideas in advance of the deadline.

For this first time, I am happy to be able to remind you that we are soliciting nominations for our two new awards:

- The **SIGecom Doctoral Dissertation Award**, which recognizes an outstanding dissertation in the fields of electronic commerce and economics and computation; and,
- The **SIGecom Test of Time Award**, which recognizes an influential paper or series of papers by a single author or team of authors that has had significant impact on research or applications in the fields of electronic commerce or economics and computation.

Deadlines for both awards are February 28, 2014, and you can see the complete instructions here <http://www.sigecom.org/awards.html>. Thanks to the two committees that have agreed to adjudicate these awards, and especially to Éva Tardos and David Pennock for chairing.

This year we have been able to support as an in-cooperation event the *9th Conference on Web and Internet Economics* (WINE'13), which will take place at Harvard University, December 11-14, 2013, in its inaugural year as a full conference. The *6th International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory* (SAGT'13), which took place in Aachen, Germany, October 21-23, 2013, is another in-cooperation event. We have also been able to support student fellowships to the *New York Computer Science and Economics Day* (NYCE), held in November 2013.

In closing, thanks to all of the volunteers that make the activities of the SIG possible. A special shout-out this year to Felix Fischer, who continues to do a terrific job keeping our SIG page up-to-date and helping with the production of SIG Exchanges. Thanks also to Michael Kearns, Preston McAfee and Éva Tardos for a wonderful EC'13.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions about the SIG, and see you at Stanford in 2014!

Yours,
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