

**2008 Research Symposium of the
Special Interest Group on Human-Computer Interaction (SIG HCI),
American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)**

Human Computer Interaction in Information Intensive Environments A Focus on Groups

Sunday Oct. 26, 2008, 8:30am-12:30pm

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION
Deadline August 18, 2008**

This symposium will focus on the challenges of group and collaborative use of information systems. How do groups of two or more members access and use information, and what technologies best support these activities? While social computing has emerged as a phenomenon among distributed communities, we have yet to fully understand computing at the group level, whether face-to-face or in distributed environments. The following specific questions will be discussed:

- How do groups use highly interactive computing technologies to access and use information?
- What kinds of social interfaces provide the best support for information interaction within groups?
- What is the role of sociability in information access and use?
- How do we study and evaluate highly interactive computing technologies for groups?
- Is usability the best paradigm for assessment of information systems and interfaces to support group interaction?

The symposium will include a panel of experts who will discuss the challenges pertinent to group-based access to and use of information, a series of research paper presentations and a poster session. The symposium will end with an award presentation for the best poster and best paper, and a lunch. We have planned for an extended break and a lunch for participants to talk with one another, share insights, and perhaps hatch new collaborations and adventures.

Submissions are welcome in two categories:

1. Research papers: 3-4 pages (1,500-2,000 words)
2. Research posters: 1.5-2 pages (750-1,000) words

In both categories submissions should describe results from completed or ongoing research projects related to the symposium topic. Submissions should be emailed to hci@dal.ca by August 18, 2008; applicants will be notified by September 5th. Accepted submissions will be posted to the SIG website: <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGHCI>

Registration for the Symposium:

Participants must register with ASIS&T at www.asis.org for the Symposium. Early registration for ASIS&T ends on September 12, 2008.

Symposium Fees (including lunch): Before September 12, 2008: Members: \$80 Non-Members \$90. After September 12, 2008: Members: \$90, Non-Members: \$115

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