Call for papers

2008 IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society (ISTAS 08)

Citizens, groups, communities, and information and communication technologies (ICT)

June 26-28, 2008
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

About this symposium:
ISTAS is an annual international forum exploring the social implications of technology. ISTAS 08 will bring together participants interested in sharing their research, projects and ideas about:
- How citizens, groups and communities are or could be linked with information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Designing and developing ICT with and for citizens, groups and communities

ISTAS 08 will be a multi-disciplinary event for engineers, computer scientists, researchers in the social sciences, arts and humanities, community-based researchers, students, policy makers and members of technology user communities. Papers and discussions will address the social and technical aspects of the specific topics.

Potential topics, submission guidelines and more information: www.istas08.ca

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ISTAS is the annual symposium of the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology
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Conference host:
The ISTAS 08 host is the National Research Council Institute for Information Technology in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
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Submissions:
This year we are trying an experiment designed to improve the quality of the conference proceedings: we ask that you submit full papers or exploratory papers for peer review. We will still accept the traditional abstract for presentation, and abstracts will be peer-reviewed. However abstracts will not be included in the conference proceedings. *Full papers*: app. 5,000 words * *Exploratory papers*: 1,000 to 2,000 words * *Abstracts:* full panels (600 words) or projects and ideas (300 words)

Important dates:
Submission deadline: **December 17, 2007**
Notification of acceptance: Feb 15, 2008

Publication outcomes:
The ISTAS 08 proceedings (full and exploratory papers) will be published (in CD format and online in the IEEE Xplore electronic library) by the sponsors, the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology. Selected authors will be invited to submit manuscripts for consideration by the editors of:
- A special issue of IEEE SSIT's award winning, peer-reviewed *Technology and Society Magazine*
- A special theme issue of the online peer-reviewed publication *Journal of Community Informatics*

Location and travel info:
ISTAS 08 will be held at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Fredericton Airport has direct flights from Boston (Delta Airlines) and Toronto, Montreal and Halifax (Air Canada). By car Fredericton is 8 hours from Boston or Montreal, 4 hours from Halifax, and 2 hours from Moncton. Moncton Airport has direct flights from Newark (Continental), Toronto and Montreal (Air Canada and WestJet) and Calgary/Hamilton (WestJet).

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