

The ICDAR2009 Organizing Committee invites proposals for the Tutorial Program, to be held immediately before to the technical conference (July 26-29). ICDAR2009 Tutorials should serve one or more of the following objectives:

- Introduce students and newcomers to major topics of ICDAR research.
- Provide instruction on established practices and methodologies.
- Survey a mature area of ICDAR research and/or practice.
- Motivate and explain an ICDAR topic of emerging importance.
- Introduce non-specialists to an ICDAR subarea

Proposals should be from two to four pages in length, and should contain the following information:

- A brief description of the tutorial, suitable for inclusion in the conference registration brochure.
- A detailed outline of the tutorial, including preferred length (1/2 or 1 day).
- A characterization of the potential target audience for the tutorial, including prerequisite knowledge.
- A description of why the tutorial topic would be of interest to a substantial part of the ICDAR audience.
- A short CV of the presenter(s), which should include name, postal address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, background in the tutorial area, any available example of work in the area (ideally, a published tutorial-level article on the subject), evidence of teaching experience (including references that address the proposer's presentation skills), and evidence of scholarship in the area.
- The name and e-mail address of the corresponding presenter. The corresponding presenter should be available for e-mail correspondence during the evaluation process, in the case clarifications and discussions on the scope and content of the proposal are needed.

The evaluation of the proposal will take into account its general interest for ICDAR attendees, the quality of the proposal (e.g., a tutorial that simply lists a set of concepts without any apparent rationale behind them will not be approved) as well as the expertise and skills of the presenters. We emphasize that the primary criteria for evaluation will be whether a proposal is interesting, well-structured, and motivated, rather than the perceived experience/standing of the proposer.

Last but not least, the tutorial should attract a meaningful audience. Those submitting a proposal should keep in mind that tutorials are intended to provide an overview of the field; they should present reasonably well established information in a balanced way. Tutorials should not be used to advocate a single avenue of research, nor should they promote a product.

All proposals should be submitted by e-mail to the Tutorial Chair, Dr. Jean-Marc Ogier (Jean-Marc.Ogier@univ-lr.fr), no later than December 1st, 2008. Feedback, comments and/or suggestions would be provided within two weeks of receiving the proposal. Final acceptance (or rejection) would be decided by January 15, 2009.