

# epia 2007

13<sup>th</sup> Portuguese Conference on Artificial Intelligence

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EPIA 2007 is the Thirteenth Portuguese Conference on Artificial Intelligence.

The purpose of this conference is to promote the research in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the scientific exchange among AI researchers, practitioners, scientists and engineers in related disciplines.

As in previous editions, the program will be prearranged in terms of workshops dedicated to specific themes of AI, invited lectures, tutorials, thematic panels and exhibit sessions, all selected according to the highest reviewing principles.

The program of the Conference will include a Doctoral Symposium.

The Conference is devoted to all areas of Artificial Intelligence and will cover both theoretical and foundational issues, and applications as well.

The Conference official language is English.

## Call for Workshop Proposals

The EPIA 2007 Organising Committee invites you to submit proposals of workshops for the 13<sup>th</sup> Portuguese Conference on Artificial Intelligence (EPIA 2007), sponsored by the Portuguese Association for Artificial Intelligence (APPIA).

## Important Dates

05 . Feb . 2007	Deadline for Workshop Proposals
19 . Feb . 2007	Notification of Acceptance
12 . Mar . 2007	Deadline for Workshop CFP
28 . May . 2007	Paper Submission Deadline
28 . Jun . 2007	Author Notification
23 . Jul . 2007	Deadline for Final Camera-Ready Copies of Workshop Papers
30 . Jul . 2007	Deadline for reception of Camera-Ready Workshop Papers and related information by Conference Organisers
03 . Dec . 2007	Conference begins

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## Proceedings

Workshop papers of higher quality will be selected for publication in the main volume of the Conference proceedings, to be published by Springer, in the LNAI series.

The remaining accepted papers will be published in local workshop proceedings, in hard-copy, in CD-ROM and in the web.

## Organisation

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# General Information for Workshop Organisers

Workshops are intended to provide an informal setting in which participants will have the opportunity to discuss specific technical topics in an atmosphere that fosters the active cross-fertilization of ideas. Workshops that explore interactions between sub-areas of AI, focus on unique or interdisciplinary applications of AI, and investigate newly evolving areas of AI are particularly welcome.

Individual workshops can be half-day (one session of 3 to 4 hours) or full-day (two sessions of 3 to 4 hours) in length, depending on the planned program.

Although the format of the workshops will be determined by their organisers, all organisers will be **STRONGLY** encouraged to allocate significant time to discussions, panels, question and answer sessions, group problem-solving, brainstorming, etc.

Attendees at workshops must register for the EPIA 2007 Conference.

A time slot of about 15 minutes each will be provided in a plenary session to summarise the results from each workshop. The summaries should be presented by (one of) each workshop's organisers.

The workshop selection will be made by an Advisory Committee consisting of internationally recognised AI researchers. We aim to build a strong, well-balanced workshop program. If there are significant thematic gaps in the program after proposal submission closes, the Organising Committee may actively solicit additional proposals.

More detailed and up-to-date information may be found at the EPIA 2007 website (<http://epia2007.appia.pt>).

## Proposal Contents

Proposals for workshops should not exceed **THREE** pages in length and should contain the following information:

- Title of the Workshop.
- A brief description of the specific technical issues that the workshop will address.
- The reasons why the workshop is of interest at this time.
- Name, postal address, phone and fax numbers and email address of all the members of the workshop organising committee, which should consist of, at least, two people knowledgeable in the field, but not all of the same institution.
- The identification of the member of the workshop organising committee who is designated the contact person.
- The workshop Program Committee (as an Appendix). Workshop organisers are encouraged to form an international PC with recognised researchers in the area, from several countries.
- A preliminary version of the workshop Call for Papers, clarifying the process by which the Organising Committee will review and select the papers and presentations.
- A preliminary program indicating how the workshop sessions will be scheduled (e.g., discussions, panel discussions, paper presentations, invited talks or other types of communication) and the planned duration of the workshop.
- Planned forms of publicising the workshop.
- A list of audio-visual or technical requirements and any special room requirements.
- Specific initiatives to support and improve the quality of the overall conference.

For instance, workshops that might find solutions to finance the presence of high quality invited researchers that could make an Invited Talk or a Tutorial would be particularly welcome.



## Additional Information

Each workshop organising committee will be responsible for:

- Producing and distributing a Call for Participation in the workshop, open to all members of the AI community. The Call for Participation should make clear that all workshop participants are expected to register for the main EPIA 2007 Conference and that the number of participants is limited. It should also make clear the process by which the organising committee will review and select papers and presentations.
- Reviewing submitted papers to the workshop and selecting those accomplishing the required quality criteria.
- Producing a camera-ready copy for the workshop notes in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the EPIA 2007 Organising Committee.
- Providing a provisional list of workshop participants.
- Arranging for a short report of the workshop to be presented at a plenary session of the conference.

The EPIA 2007 Organisation will provide:

- A meeting place for the workshop.
- Printing of the workshop proceedings.
- A web-based tool to support the entire scientific organisation process (paper submission, paper reviewing, paper selection, etc.).

In case of any disagreement over procedures or arrangements, the EPIA 2007 Organising Committee will have final authority.

The EPIA 2007 Organising Committee reserves the right to cancel any workshop if deadlines are missed, or if the number of registered attendees is too low to support the costs related to organising and running the workshop.

## Proposal Submission

Proposals should be submitted electronically (PDF, postscript or RTF) to the EPIA 2007 Organising Committee at the following address: [epia2007@appia.pt](mailto:epia2007@appia.pt).

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5 February, 2007.