



Recommenders06 - Late Summer School on **The Present and Future of Recommender Systems**

i On September 12-13, 2006 the Summer School will study the Present and Future of Recommender Systems. The Summer School will be held in the idyllic setting of the Euskalduna Palace in Bilbao, Spain.

Introduction

Recommender Systems are applications that provide personalized advice to users about products or services they might be interested in. Recommender Systems are playing a major role in the Digital and Social Networking Revolution and becoming a part of everyday life. They are helping people efficiently manage content overload and dive into the long tail of content discovery. The social prevalence of this can be evidenced by the evolution of, and demand for, personalized radio, television, video and on-line shopping.

The Summer School will bring together the concepts and practices of Recommender Systems and is intended for both researchers (including Ph.D. students) and for professionals and managers who want to benefit from the best information on Recommender Systems and personalization advances. An in-depth introduction to Recommender Systems will be provided.

Participation in the Summer School is by acceptance only. Ten scholarships for promising students will be granted.

Lecturers will include:

Chris Anderson, Wired Magazine, US
Todd Beaupre, Yahoo, Inc., US
Jim Bennett, Netflix, Inc., US
Dr. Alexander Felfernig, Klagenfurt University, Austria
Dr. Rick Hangartner, MusicStrands, Inc., US
Prof. Juntae Kim, Dongguk University, Korea
Kaushal Kurapati, Ask.com, US to the lecturers
Paul Lamere, Sun Microsystems Labs, US
Dr. Bamshad Mobasher, DePaul University, US
Mike Mull, Yahoo, Inc., US
Prof. Anton Nijholt, Twente University, The Netherlands
Prof. John Riedl, University of Minnesota, US
Jim Shur, MusicStrands, Inc, US
Prof. Barry Smyth, University College Dublin, Ireland / ChangingWorlds Ltd.
Dr. Markus G Stolze, IBM Research, US
Dr. Marc Torrens, MusicStrands, Inc., US



At all times, material will be presented at a tutorial level that will help students and researchers from academia or the industry understand the critical issues and open problems confronting the field. We hope that attendees will be able to apply what they learn at the Summer School to their own research or work. The material will be designed with the assumption that attendees have diverse preparation.

The final curriculum and social agenda will be provided in the coming weeks.

Enrollment

Enrollment is free but will be limited to 60 attendees. The class will fill quickly, so don't wait to apply!

The target class will consist of young researchers and managers (from technical industries, research laboratories, and academic environments) who have recently started (or are about to start) working on recommender systems and/or social networking. Prospective students from both "computer science" and "application" backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

As the number of participants is limited, an application should be sent as early as possible, but definitely before July 1st. To apply, send a short letter and resume or Curriculum Vitae to SummerSchool06@MusicStrands.com

There will be a Student Session Class where students have the opportunity to present their current research. Students who wish to participate in the Student Session Class should submit a short paper (two page maximum) describing their research topic or thesis to SummerSchool06@MusicStrands.com. Each selected student will be given fifteen minutes in total. The presentation portion should be eight to ten minutes in length, allowing for five minutes of questions and feedback.

Scholarships

Ten scholarships for up to 1,200 euros in transportation and housing fees are available for promising students. The scholarship will be in the form of reimbursement for travel and housing upon receipt of documentation of accrued costs. Announcement of awards will be in early summer 2006. Candidates should be pursuing or intending to pursue a Ph.D. in the area of Recommender Systems and/or Social Networking. Selection for the scholarship is competitively based on the applicant's accomplishments and will be judged by the information supplied on the application form and Curriculum Vitae. The application should be supported by a reference letter from an academic supervisor, project leader or similarly senior person.

Additional Information

Inquires and applications may be directed to SummerSchool06@MusicStrands.com

For more information go to Recommenders06.com

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