Message from the ISMAR 2016 Science and Technology Poster Chairs

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We are proud to welcome you to the 2016 edition of ISMAR, the 15th IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality, the major conferences for mixed and augmented reality since and technology. Posters at ISMAR have always played a major role in the maturing of novel ideas into scientific and technological contributions for the MR/AR community. They represent the unique opportunity to share early ideas and preliminary results, to promote discussions, elicit opinions and spark new ideas as well as the methods to bring them to fruition. This year, posters have been submitted after paper decisions were issued and, allowing science and technology papers to be added as posters when deeper appropriate.

One significant addition to the poster track in 2016 is the extension of the acceptable poster length to a maximum of 6 pages. This decision was taken to give authors room to showcase their ideas with clear images and also to elaborate necessary details about implementation, experimentation, and applications that were usually omitted due to the lack of space. The new poster-papers encourage authors to publish advanced contributions to receive early health criticism. The extension also creates an addition of 30% pages that need to be reviewed, making the reviewing process more involved as a result.

In this year’s edition of ISMAR, there are posters on thrilling topics spanning all aspects of interest of the MR/AR community, and also spawning novel ideas on diverse subjects. We’d like to thank all authors for submitting on time and for keeping in touch with the poster chairs throughout the whole process, from submission to reviewing and publication. We thank also all reviewers for their intense and mindful work in the short time frame. Finally, we invite all of you attending the conference to keep to the spirit of the poster track, visit the posters and engage in healthy discussion.

Statistics

We received a total of 76 poster paper submissions. After a rigorous reviewing process, we accepted 51 posters, resulting in an overall paper acceptance rate of 67%. An additional second set of papers, with a total of 22 poster papers, was also accepted. These papers corresponded to those submitted to the Science and Technology paper track, but whose acceptance was recommended to be as poster papers. Thus, a total of 73 poster papers were accepted to be presented at the poster paper track of ISMAR 2016.

Reviewing Process

This year, there were two possible ways towards an ISMAR poster-paper. The first way was via the Science and Technology paper track. Some papers presented interesting ideas but were not yet at a level justifying a longer form of presentation. These papers were recommended as poster-papers and transformed into a poster-paper with the help of a shepherd. Before final acceptance, these papers were checked again by members of the poster program committee. Most poster-papers, however, came via the second way, the dedicated poster-paper track. Here, the three poster chairs formed the poster program committee which was completed by a small number of experienced members of the ISMAR community. We assigned each submission to two members of the poster program committee.

One acting as the primary reviewer and one as secondary reviewer. Every poster-paper was at least reviewed by two very experienced reviewers. In a few cases where there was no agreement, we requested a third review from within the poster program committee. After the review period, the primary reviewer ran an online discussion to settle on an overall evaluation and arrive at a summarizing decision. Each submission and its reviews were assessed by some general rules: whether the submission had sufficient contribution to merit acceptance, either as a
stand-alone work, a work in progress or a novel idea or concept, if the authors should be encouraged to continue their work or if the poster might yield forward-leading discussions. These rules guided the discussion and were applied to all decisions in order to make the process as fair and transparent as possible. Our primary goal was to accept as many high quality submissions as possible, while also giving young and emerging researchers an opportunity to present their work. We did not consider a maximum number of acceptances, yet we were willing to accept any reasonably good poster since ISMAR provides plenty of space for the poster exhibition. To the best of our possibilities, we tried to adhere to the publication and reviewing ethics as they are stated within the SciTech welcome messages.