

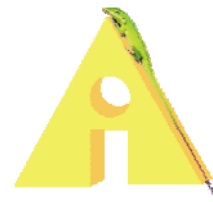


FLAIRS-22

Sanibel Island, Florida, USA

19th-21st May 2009

<http://www.FLAIRS-22.info/>



Call for Special Tracks

The 22nd International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference (FLAIRS-22) will be held 19th-21st May 2009 at the Sundial Beach and Golf Resort, on Sanibel Island, Florida, USA. FLAIRS-22 will feature technical papers, special tracks, and invited speakers.

Sanibel is a barrier island lying on the Gulf coast of Florida, near Fort Myers. Although an island in name, Sanibel is linked to the mainland by a causeway and a bridge. Sanibel boasts beautiful beaches and is also home to numerous alligators and even the occasional crocodile. Importantly, Sanibel also features numerous distractions for researchers eager to discuss collaborations, methods, directions, and approaches; for details, visit <http://www.sanibelisland.com/recreation.html>.

The FLAIRS **special tracks** are held in parallel with the general conference. A special track consists of a group of papers in a sub-discipline of artificial intelligence. Special tracks are an integral part of each FLAIRS conference: their papers are required to meet the same standards and are published in the conference proceedings, and the tracks run in parallel with the general conference. Special tracks provide researchers in focused areas the opportunity to meet and present their work, and offer a forum for interaction among the broader community of artificial intelligence researchers. Submission of proposals for special tracks at the conference is now invited. Topics of interest are in all areas of artificial intelligence. Last year's FLAIRS featured special tracks such as Applied Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence Education, and Intelligent Tutoring Systems.

Special track chairs may submit papers to their own tracks. Those papers will be reviewed by two members of the special track's program committee and two members of the general conference program committee. The decision of acceptance will be made by the conference program co-chairs. Accepted papers will be published and presented as part of the special track.

Proposal Instructions:

Proposals must be submitted to the EasyChair conference system, which can be accessed through the FLAIRS-22 website (<http://www.FLAIRS-22.info/>). They must include the following information:

1. Title of the special track.
2. The track's organizational structure. How many submissions do you expect to receive and how many papers do you plan to have? A track may have up to 4 sessions, with 3 papers per session. Special tracks that fail to attract sufficient papers will be merged into the general conference.
3. Names and contact information for yourself and your track's program committee, who have all agreed to serve on the committee. You should have enough members for each paper to be reviewed by 4 reviewers.
4. Promotional plans and materials, including a draft call for papers, specific plans for publicizing the special track, and the names of any speakers you are considering inviting. (FLAIRS cannot guarantee any form of financial support for special track invited speakers at this stage.)
5. Summary of any special tracks you have organized for FLAIRS over the last two years. In particular, what track(s) have you organized, how many submissions were received, and how many papers were accepted?

Acceptance of proposals includes: quality of proposal; potential for success of the track, including the perceived level of interest to the AI community and the appropriateness of the organizing committee; and whether the track was held at prior FLAIRS conferences. For more details, contact Phil McCarthy (pmccarthy@mail.psyac.memphis.edu).

Dates and Deadlines:

- Proposals for special tracks..... 29th June 2008
- Notification of acceptance of special tracks 10th July 2008
- Submission of papers 23rd November 2008
- Notification of acceptance 25th January 2009
- Camera ready versions due 25th February 2009



FLAIRS-22 is hosted by the Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society, in cooperation with the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence.