



9th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2015)

August 24-28, 2015, St. Petersburg, Russia, <http://romip.ru/russir2015/>

Course proposals deadline: March 30, 2015

The 9th Russian Summer School in Information Retrieval (RuSSIR 2015) will be held on August 24-28, 2015 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The school is co-organized by the Internet Studies Lab at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg (<http://linis.hse.ru/en/>) and the Russian Information Retrieval Evaluation Seminar (ROMIP, <http://romip.ru/en/>). RuSSIR 2015 will have an additional focus on social network analysis and graph mining.

The missions of the RuSSIR school series are to enable students to learn about modern problems and methods in information retrieval and related disciplines; to stimulate scientific research and collaboration in the field; and to create an environment for informal contacts between scientists, students and industry professionals.

RuSSIR 2015 will offer up to eight courses and host approximately 100 participants. The confirmed speakers of RuSSIR 2015 include Panos Pardalos (University of Florida, USA), Santo Fortunato (Aalto University, Finland), Andrey Raigorodsky (Higher School of Economics/School of Data Analysis, Russia), Athanasios Migdalas (Lulea University of Technology, Sweden) and Athanasia Karakitsiou (Lulea University of Technology, Sweden). The target audience of the school is advanced graduate and PhD students, academic and industrial researchers, and developers. The working language of the school is English.

RuSSIR 2015 welcomes course proposals on any aspect of information retrieval, social network analysis and graph mining. Each course should consist of four or five 90-minute-long sessions and may include both lectures and practical exercises.

Summer school organizers will cover travel and accommodation expenses for one lecturer per course; no additional honorarium will be paid to lecturer(s). The school organizers would highly appreciate if, whenever possible, lecturers could find alternative funding to cover the travel and accommodation expenses, and indicate this possibility in their proposals.

IMPORTANT DATES

Course proposals submission deadline: March 30, 2015

Notification: April 20, 2015

School: August 24-28, 2015

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Course proposals must be submitted in PDF format to the submission web site <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=russir2015>, by March 30, 2015. A course proposal should contain the following:

- Title and keywords.
- Description of teaching and research experience, and contact information of the lecturer(s).
- Relevance of the course to the school's scope and objectives.
- Brief description of the course (up to 300 words suitable for inclusion in school materials).
- Full description (1-2 pages - to be used for evaluation).
- Target audience and expected prerequisite knowledge of the audience.
- Relevant references to support proposal evaluation.
- Preferred schedule and necessary equipment.

All proposals will be evaluated by the program committee according to the school's goals, the clarity of presentation, and the lecturers' qualification and experience. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by April 20, 2015. Early informal inquiries about the school or the proposal evaluation process are encouraged (please write to school@romip.ru).

ABOUT RUSSIR

The school series started in 2007 and has developed into a renowned academic event with solid international participation. Previous schools took place in Yekaterinburg, Taganrog, Petrozavodsk, Voronezh, St. Petersburg, Yaroslavl, Kazan and Nizhny Novgorod. Previous RuSSIR courses were taught by many prominent IR researchers and scholars from cognate fields.

ABOUT THE VENUE

St. Petersburg, the second largest city in Russia, was founded in 1703 as Russia's "window to Europe". Inspired by Venice and Amsterdam, tsar Peter the Great placed the new Russian capital at the beautiful delta of the Neva river, and gave a start to erection of hundreds of its magnificent palaces that still remind of its imperial grandeur. After yielding the status of capital back to Moscow in 1918, St. Petersburg has become Russia's major cultural center combining its fascinating Russian heritage with a distinctly European outlook. St. Petersburg's airport Pulkovo has direct connections with most European cities and major world centers. RuSSIR teachers will be assisted in obtaining Russian visas if needed.

Higher School of Economics (HSE) is a young and fast-growing university. Founded in 1992, it was awarded the status of National Research University in 2009. The HSE has grown into a multiregional structure housing its education and research facilities in four campuses (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Perm, and Nizhny Novgorod). The HSE St. Petersburg campus was established in 1998. It offers high-quality education within its 7 faculties and 12 laboratories.

ORGANIZERS

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