INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

HOBART, THE CAPITAL CITY OF BEAUTIFUL TASMANIA is the venue for ascilite’s 28th annual conference. Hosted by the University of Tasmania, ascilite 2011 will address many important questions of relevance to the ascilite community.

You can participate by submitting a full or concise paper, symposium, workshop or poster.

This year, we have introduced an initial call for abstracts for early career researchers who wish to obtain feedback on their abstract before preparing a full submission. The abstract submission process is optional.

Please note that in order to participate as a presenter, you must register for the conference by 24 October 2011. Conference registration will open in May 2011.

Shifts in the political, economic and social landscape are changing the demands placed upon the tertiary education sector. There are opportunities and challenges in ensuring students are provided with equitable experiences and in ensuring staff and students are supported and engaged. What are the implications of these changing demands? How will these demands change the ways in which we use technology?

An aim of ascilite 2011 is to facilitate, through the lens of technology, discussion and collaboration amongst those with primary responsibility for teaching and the design and development of resources, and those with primary responsibility for the management and strategic direction of learning and teaching.

ascilite 2011 has three sub-themes.

1. Equity of experience
How do we ensure all students receive an equitable experience? How do we ensure learning opportunities are accessible so that students can select from a range of opportunities those that meet their needs, wants and expectations?

2. Engagement
How do we create an engaging learning and teaching environment, for both students and staff, in the light of agendas such as increasing participation, a focus on retention and changing funding models? What support mechanisms are needed? How best can we make the most of the experiences students bring to our institutions?

3. Evidence-based practice
How do we achieve a balance between exploration and innovation and ensuring our discipline integrates the literature and other evidence-based approaches into our projects? How do we look to the future whilst not forgetting the past?

We invite you to join us in Hobart for what promises to be an outstanding conference.

Dr Gary Williams and Peta Statham ascilite 2011 Conference Convenors Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching University of Tasmania

Professor Mike Keppell President ascilite
IMPORTANT DATES

Please note: Following feedback from the ascllite community, key dates have changed since the first version of this Call for Papers was released.

11 March
Online submission of abstracts for papers (full and concise), posters and workshop or symposium proposals opens. Submission of abstracts is recommended for early career researchers. Submission of abstracts is OPTIONAL.

13 May
Call for abstracts (optional) closes

14 - 29 May
Abstracts in review

14 May
Submission of full papers, concise papers, poster, workshop and symposium proposals opens online

30 May
Abstract feedback - feedback provided to early career researchers

27 June
Deadline for full and concise papers

27 June
Deadline for workshop and symposium proposals

18 July
Deadline for poster proposals

28 June - 24 July
Reviewing process

25 - 29 July
Completed reviews sent back to authors (acceptance advice)

9 September
Revised papers (full and concise) due

9 September
Symposium acceptance advice

9 September
Workshop proposals acceptance advice

9 September
Poster proposal acceptance advice

4 - 7 December
Conference
INVITATION TO SUBMIT

You are invited to submit in the following categories:

1. Full Paper
2. Concise Paper
3. Poster
4. Workshop
5. Symposium

There is an initial call for abstracts (call closes on 13th May) for early career researchers who wish to obtain feedback on their abstract before preparing a full submission. The abstract submission process is OPTIONAL.

There are a number of positive reasons why we have adopted an abstract submission process, including:

- our desire to assist early career researchers to give early thought to their submissions;
- our wish to provide feedback to early career researchers about their proposals to assist them in then writing the complete paper, poster, symposium or workshop;
- our plans to provide a series of webinars to assist early career writers (the first of these will occur after the abstracts have been reviewed); and
- because ascilite prides itself on professional development of its members.

Members who do not wish to submit an abstract will need to submit a full paper, concise paper, workshop or symposium proposal by the 27th June. Poster proposals are due by the 18th July. Full submissions will be accepted through the online submission system from 14 May. Full and concise paper submissions will undergo double-blind refereeing as in previous years.

Submission must be based on at least one of the following themes, remembering that the themes are being viewed through the lens of technology:

1. Equity of experience
2. Engagement
3. Evidence-based practice

All submissions will be subject to review. Authors should ensure that the following criteria are met:

1. the topic is relevant and important to the chosen theme(s);
2. the subject matter is original; and
3. the submission adds to the knowledge of delegates.

Authors are reminded that all papers and posters must be original and must not have been published elsewhere. Once selected for inclusion in the conference program, papers (full or concise) become the property of the ascilite 2011 conference.
SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT
(OPTIONAL)

Abstract Submissions will open 11 March 2011. After this time you will be able to submit your abstract via the conference website.

Please read the following instructions carefully before submitting an abstract.

1. Go to the conference website.
   www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/hobart11
2. Click on the Submit link.
3. Follow instructions on how to submit your abstract.
4. Complete all fields of the submission form.
5. Abstracts for papers (full and concise) and for posters must be no longer than 500 words.
6. Abstracts for workshops must be no longer than 1500 words. Please refer to the Workshop submission details for information about what needs to be provided.
7. Abstracts for symposia must be no longer than 500 words. Please refer to the workshop submission details for information about what needs to be provided.

It is the responsibility of the presenting author to ensure that the abstract is submitted correctly. The Conference Managers will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the online submission process, or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events. Faxed or mailed abstracts on CD will not be accepted. If you are unable to submit via the website please contact the conference managers via email: renee@leishman-associates.com.au.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions will open 14 May 2011. From this date you will be able to upload a submission via the conference website.

Please read the following instructions carefully before submitting.

1. Go to the conference website.
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2. Click on the Submit link.
3. Follow instructions on how to submit.
4. Complete all fields of the submission form as this information will be used in the development of the conference handbook. Ensure that you select the correct submission type.
5. Upload your submission. You must submit using the designated template for your submission type. Templates are provided on the ascllite 2011 website and are also available for download from within the submission system. A submission must be created using Microsoft Word or compatibles.

6. You will also need to ensure that you follow the guidelines for each submission type (see below) and adhere to the formatting guide (available on the ascllite 2011 website).

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After final proof reading of your submission, and before submitting it for review, please check the conference website for any additional instructions that may appear.

NOTE: To ensure a balanced and varied program, any individual can only be the first author of one accepted (full or concise) paper. However, there is no limit on the number of times an individual can appear as an author.

Both full and concise papers will be eligible for the ascllite Paper Awards.

Whilst presenters will be able to present in a didactic format, you are encouraged to present in a more interactive way. Authors whose submissions are accepted will be provided with presentation guidance notes to encourage interactive presentation formats.

Full Papers (refereed)

Full papers should not exceed ten pages. Page limits include references. In addition to the page limits, there is a file size limit for all categories: not exceeding 2 MB. Please refer to the formatting guide (available on the ascllite 2011 website) for details of page size, margins and fonts. The full paper template, available from the ascllite 2011 website or the submission system, already contains the relevant fields and the correct styles.

You are limited to one first authorship for a paper, although there is no limit on the number of times a person may appear as an author other than first. Full papers may be accepted for full or concise presentation.

Full papers are expected to present quality research as outlined by DEEWR. DEEWR standards for research include pure basic research, strategic basic research, applied research and experimental development research. They require that the paper be original and have the potential to produce results that are sufficiently general for theoretical and/or practical knowledge to be recognisably increased. Full papers may contain major reviews, report on medium-large-scale research studies, evaluations, developments or projects.
Papers (full and concise) will be published electronically in the proceedings and given to delegates on a USB stick, and also placed on the conference web site.

**IMPORTANT:** Full Paper submissions should be suitable for blind reviewing without any editorial intervention, omitting author and affiliation details, acknowledgments and biographical notes. Check that you have also deleted author and affiliation details from your file’s properties.

**Concise Papers (refereed)**

Concise papers should not exceed **four pages**. Page limits include references. In addition to the page limits, there is a file size limit for all categories: not exceeding 2 MB. Please refer to the formatting guide ([available on the ascilite 2011 website](http://ascilite.org/ascilite2011/formattingguide.html)) for details of page size, margins and fonts. The concise paper template, available from the [ascilite 2011 website](http://ascilite.org/ascilite2011/) or the submission system, already contains the relevant fields and the correct styles.

You are limited to one first authorship for a paper, although there is no limit on the number of times a person may appear as an author other than first. Concise papers may be accepted for full or concise presentation.

Concise papers are intended to provide an avenue for work-in-progress, for pilot studies, small scale exploratory projects, reports on highly specialised topics or conceptual papers on recent developments. Concise papers also encompass presentations that review key new directions for developing research-based best practices and for conducting research into practices in technology supported teaching and learning.

Papers will be published electronically in the proceedings and given to delegates on a USB stick, and also placed on the conference web site.

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**Posters**

Poster display panels will cater for A1 size, 800mm x 1200mm, and portrait orientation is recommended. Poster displays offer visual representations of projects and development initiatives that provide opportunities for conference delegates to discuss the focus topic with presenters.

Poster proposers are required to prepare two versions, the first being a Proceedings version, **maximum two pages**, formatted as for full and concise papers and designed for screen reading. The Proceedings version of the poster must be uploaded to the submissions system for review.

The second version will be a Display version, designed to suit display panels of A1 size, 841 x 594mm. Detailed advice and hints on preparing the Display version will be provided at the time of notifying acceptances. The Proceedings versions of accepted posters will appear in the Conference Proceedings.
Handbook will contain the title of posters and presenter names.

The Display version of an accepted poster should be brought to the Conference for display at the time and location specified in the Program.

Please refer to the formatting guide (available on the ascilite 2011 website) for details of page size, margins and fonts for posters (Proceedings version). The poster (Proceedings version) template, available from the ascilite 2011 website or the submission system, already contains the relevant fields and the correct styles.

A poster presentation does not count towards the limit of one first authorship for papers.

ascilite Poster Awards will recognise the most popular poster displays and presentations.

Workshops

Workshops constitute the conference’s most direct contribution towards professional development in educational technology related topics. In many cases the workshops are derived from staff development activities conducted previously at the presenters’ own institutions. Workshops enable participants to engage with colleagues and experts in specific fields, to acquire knowledge, enhance skills and develop broader perspectives. The format of a workshop differs substantially from that of a paper presentation, although focus topics may include research skills or techniques. The main workshop day is Sunday 4 December.

Workshop proposals must be no longer than 1,500 words and include the following information:

> Length of workshop (specify half day or full day).
> Facilities required and maximum number of participants.
> Intended audience and degree of expertise required by workshop participants.
> Clear statement of the objectives of the workshop.
> A detailed description of the workshop format including activities workshop participants will be expected to engage in. The majority of time in a workshop must be devoted to the participants engaging in activities, including significant time for small or whole group discussions.
> A list of previous presentations (if any) of the workshop and web site or publication references (if any). Optionally, the proposers may nominate one or two referees whom the Committee may contact.
> A brief biography including workshop presenter’s qualifications.

Please refer to the formatting guide (available on the ascilite 2011 website) for details of page size, margins and fonts for workshop proposals. The workshop proposal template, available from the ascilite 2011 website or the submission system, already contains the relevant fields and the correct styles.
Symposium

A symposium typically involves a panel of presenters in discussion or debate of a topical issue. Debate is an important element that differentiates a symposium from a series of presentations followed by questions and discussion. Panel members are expected to work together to present different perspectives on a chosen theme, and to pose questions or raise points for participants to debate. These may challenge or defend a position, theory, model or concept; identify areas of dispute; or offer alternative interpretations of well-known studies and findings. A symposium might also take the form of a traditional debate with panel members presenting cases for and against a motion.

The expected outcome of a symposium is that, with contributions from the delegates, an aspect of knowledge has been reviewed or redefined or that new ways of understanding it have emerged.

Please note that a symposium presentation, of 90 minutes length, does not count towards the limit of one first authorship for papers.

Symposium proposals of a maximum 500 words in length should include the following information:

> An outline of the focus area with reference to relevant theoretical frameworks, research studies and references.

> A summary of the ideas to be explored and why the topic will attract an audience.

> The names of proposed panel members and a description of the range of views that panel members will represent.

> An outline of the symposium format, including strategies to engage those attending.

> Details of the intended audience and expected outcomes.

Please refer to the formatting guide (available on the ascllite 2011 website) for details of page size, margins and fonts for symposium proposals. The symposium proposal template, available from the ascllite 2011 website or the submission system, already contains the relevant fields and the correct styles.

For more information on submitting an abstract or full submission please contact the Conference Managers

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