TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN SERVICES IN A MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY

HUSITA6
Human Service Information Technology Applications

Program Announcement and Call for Proposals

September 12 - 16, 2001
Charleston, SC
HUSITA and the College of Social Work, University of South Carolina are pleased to present a joint conference uniting the biannual HUSITA Conference with the 5th Annual Technology Conference for Social Work Education and Practice (The Technology Conference).

**HUSITA6**

**Technology and Human Services in a Multi-Cultural Society**

**HUSITA** (HUmans Information Technology Applications) is an international association of information technology (IT) innovators in human services dedicated to promoting the ethical and effective use of IT to better serve humanity. HUSITA's focus and expertise is situated at the intersection of three core domains: information technology, human services, and social development. With emphasis on human centeredness and social justice, HUSITA strives to promote international knowledge development, dissemination, and transfer of technology within human services. It achieves this through multidisciplinary leadership in international conferences, publications, collaboration, and consultation directed particularly at IT applications and innovations that promote social betterment.

The HUSITA conference is a highly personal and interactive, face- to-face event to energize the community of HUSITA and professionals and to celebrate its accomplishments. HUSITA6 builds on past conferences held in:

- HUSITA5 1999 Budapest, Hungary
- HUSITA4 1996 Lapland, Finland
- HUSITA3 1993 Maastricht, The Netherlands
- HUSITA2 1991 Rutgers, New Jersey USA
- HUSITA1 1987 Birmingham, England, UK

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Human service practitioners, managers, policy specialists, educators, and researchers are the targeted audience. HUSITA6 will add an international perspective to the 5th Annual Social Work Technology Conference. Participants will gain a new outlook on their work by seeing how colleagues from other countries solve similar problems and how IT can enhance practice and the provision of services.

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

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Submission of Proposals

The theme of HUSITA6 is “Technology and Human Services in a Multi-Cultural Society. We invite the following types of proposals:

• Informational Presentations: A 45-60 minutes talk to share knowledge or experiences on a specific topic. The typical session is a paper presentation, such as a discussion of an application and its development, IT research findings, user's perspectives on IT, theoretical perspectives and IT issues such as globalization, the digital divide, and privacy. Sessions may be followed by a 30 minute between presenters and all attendees. Popular sessions may be repeated and offered via the Internet through a 30-minute chat session.

• Workshops: A three-hour “how-to” or “hand on” training session which may use the computer lab to develop participants' skills in a particular area, e.g., designing web-based courses, setting up an agency web site, using a neural network. Sessions will involve presentations integrated with participant activities and exercises.

• Roundtable/demos: Presenters offer informal discussion of a paper or a software/web demonstration to participants in an informal setting. The purpose of the roundtable is to share techniques and information, connect people with each other on a particular topic, and informally network. The presenter frames the topic, creates an interactive atmosphere, encourages participation, and guides discussion. Discussion should be planned, but flow with needs of the participants. Handouts are welcomed. A summary paper of the topic along with discussion questions is required one month before the conference for the proceedings.

• Poster sessions: Those offering a poster session will make themselves available to share their work and ideas to attendees for 1.5 to 2 hours in an informal atmosphere. Poster session presenters are provided a table for distributing literature and setting up posters about their IT work. Typical sessions involve distance education resources, application descriptions, issues development such as privacy, or new IT projects where formal products are not available.

• Old-timer stories: A general one-hour session will allow 6-9 seasoned IT professionals to tell 5-minute stories that illustrate how to invent the wheel rather than inventing the flat tire. Stories should involve historical perspectives, pictures, humor, and lessons learned or not learned. The 5-minute time limit will be strictly enforced.

Submission Details:

HUSITA6 offers an online submission form at www.husita.org and will provide a decision on acceptance within a month. Accepted proposals may be posted on the web or distributed via the HUSITA_L listservs. Proposals can be submitted up to three months before the conference, depending on space availability. For those without web access, mail the proposal and the following information to Dick Schoech, HUSITA6 Chair, UTA SSW, Box 19129, 211 S. Cooper, Arlington TX 76019-0129 USA.

Include a title page containing:
- the proposal title of up to 12 words
- presenters with their institutional or agency affiliation
- the email and postal address of all presenters
- type of proposal (as above)
- a 50 word abstract and 3-5 keywords
- hardware, software, and telecommunications needs.

Attach a proposal description of up to two pages that contains:
- the topics covered and their importance and relevance
- the intended audience and prerequisite knowledge required
- learning objectives
- format
- type of technology/application discussed
- presenter experience and expertise on the topic

Presenters should not be identified in the narrative which will be sent to proposal reviewers. Proposals are reviewed for clarity, relevance, importance, utility and practical value, scope/focus (not too broad/narrow), appropriateness, and innovativeness.
There are a number of opportunities for your company to participate in the HUSITA6 Conference. There will be exhibitor/vendor booths in a high traffic area around and near the registration area. The conference schedule will allow ample opportunity for the 400 - 500 expected participants to visit exhibition booths. These will be provided and arranged by a professional convention services company and will include a pipe and draped booth with table, table covers and skirting, chairs, and booth identification signs. In addition, exhibitors will have the opportunity to demonstrate their products in our computer lab when it is not in use and we will publicize these activities in the conference program. Companies can also sponsor breaks or breakfasts. You may be interested in providing promotional materials for inclusion in the conference folders and bags. There is also the opportunity to have your name and logo placed on our conference book bags.

Corporate and other sponsors can establish a presence at HUSITA6 through general co-sponsorship, or they may target their support for a special conference purpose, such as funding the virtual sessions for specialty audiences, e.g., child welfare, and helping support those unable to attend due to poverty, e.g., students and those from developing countries. Contact one of the individuals listed below or visit our web site at www.husita.org for additional information.

Travel and tourist information is best obtained via the links from the conference web site (www.husita.org). Charleston is a historic southern city with ante-bellum era gardens, oceanfront mansions, and plantations. The readers of Conde' Nast Traveler have named Charleston a "Top Ten" US destination for five consecutive years in Readers' Choice Polls. HUSITA6 will provide scheduled entertainment during the conference and the www.husita.org provides tourist and travel links for those bringing their families or for those who can take the time to absorb some of the culture.

The HUSITA6 Advisory Board and the College of Social Work at South Carolina are making a significant effort to accommodate those who have a professional need to attend HUSITA6 but whose finances may limit their attendance. This category of participants includes students and persons from countries where wages are low. Subsidies may involve staying with social work families in Charleston and volunteering to work for a designated time at the conference. To request assistance, contact one of the individuals listed below or visit our web site at www.husita.org for additional information.

HUSITA6 will be available to those not able to attend and to groups needing specialty content, e.g., child welfare, professionals needing CEUs for a specialty workshop on risk assessment technology. Persons not able to attend HUSITA6 in person can be involved in several possible ways. Keynote and specialty topic presenters with popular topics may present via a 45-minute chat session. The keynote will be broadcast several ways over the web. Other ideas for the virtual participation will be tested at the 2000 conference and with the country coordinators. Check the conference web site (www.husita.org) for current information on virtual participation.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**BY FAX:**
Dial 803-777-3498
Credit card only

**ONLINE:**
www.husita.org

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PAYMENT METHOD: All payments must be made in US dollars.

- Check made payable to The University of SC $________
- Purchase order or letter of authorization is attached
- Bill my agency.
- Please charge my credit card in the amount shown $________
- VISA
- Mastercard

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**REGISTRATION QUESTIONS?** Call 803-777-4666 or e-mail duncan.whyte@sc.edu

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HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE HOTEL
The HUSITA6 conference will be held at the Westin Francis Marion Hotel and the adjacent Lightsey Conference Center in Charleston, South Carolina, USA. Rising 12 stories above the city’s historic district, many of the hotel’s guestrooms and suites offer spectacular views of Charleston’s church steeples, antebellum mansions, and famous harbor. Located downtown on historic Marion Square, the magnificent gardens, house museums, antique shops, local boutiques, restaurants, and nightlife that make Charleston unique, are all an easy walk from the hotel.

Guestroom rates for HUSITA6 are:
- Standard room $115
- Deluxe Harbor View $125
- Junior Suite $145
- Francis Marion Suite $145

Reservations may be made by calling 843-722-0600 or 1-800-937-8461. Conference rates are good for room reservations from September 9, 2001 until September 16, 2001. Reservations must be made before August 20, 2001 to guarantee conference rate. Reservations made after that date will be made on a space available basis only.

Hotel reservations made for outside Charleston’s historic district typically requires a rental car to get to and from the conference site. In addition to car rental, parking in the area is approximately $12 –14 per day.

TRAVEL AND TOURIST INFORMATION
A number of historic, scenic, and cultural tours will be organized and conducted for attendees of HUSITA6 and their friends and families by Kenda Swett Tours, Inc, of Charleston. This professional tour company conducts their own tours, and offers many tour options in a variety of languages. Tours will be offered daily beginning Sunday, September 9, 2001 to take advantage of the “Saturday over” airline fare reductions and continue throughout the conference period. Take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to see and experience the unique culture and history of the Charleston area in conjunction with your participation in HUSITA6. Links for tour details and options will be available in late 2000 at the HUSITA web page at www.husita.org

Two web sites with comprehensive information on Charleston area lodging, dining, and tourist attractions are:

www.destinationcharleston.com

and

www.charlestoncvb.com