



SIGPLAN Conferences, Symposia and Workshops



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Background

Each year SIGPLAN sponsors around 15 conferences and symposia (including SPLASH, PLDI, POPL and ICFP), together with around 20 workshops, and 10 in-cooperation events. The Vice-Chair is responsible for overseeing the organisation of all events that are affiliated with SIGPLAN, including the approval of events, the choice of general and program chairs, and program committees and budgets.

Affiliation Options

Events can either apply for full sponsorship status, or partial in-cooperation status.

Sponsorship -- SIGPLAN takes full financial and legal responsibility for the event, and ACM provides a range of services to assist the organisers, including venue location and negotiation, banking and publication services, and various forms of financial support for participants via the SIGPLAN Processional Activities Committee (PAC). Further information on these topics is available online by searching for "SIGPLAN sponsorship" and "SIGPLAN PAC".

In-cooperation -- Another non-profit organisation (such as a university or charity) must take financial and legal responsibility for the event, but it still has access to the full range of ACM publication services, together with financial support for participants via the SIGPLAN PAC. Note that only sponsored events may use "ACM SIGPLAN" in their title. Further information is available online by searching for "SIGPLAN in-cooperation".

Help for Organisers

A number of online resources are available to assist the organisers of events. For general chairs this includes advice on the approval processes, budget forms, registration and hotel management, and a check list of duties. For program chairs this includes advice on program committee formation, calls for papers, submission software, and the publication process. Further information is available online by searching for "SIGPLAN general chair" or "SIGPLAN program chair".

Proposing a New Workshop

SIGPLAN is keen to support workshops in the area of programming languages, particularly when they are co-located with one of the major SIGPLAN conferences. The application process for workshops seeking sponsorship or in-cooperation status is lightweight, by means of a simple pro-forma. Search online for "SIGPLAN workshop proposal" for further information.

Alan Turing Centenary Event

ACM is planning a major event to celebrate Alan Turing's 100th Birthday, in June 2012. The event will be adjacent to ACM's Awards banquet, at which the 2012 Turing Award winner will be honored. SIGPLAN is supporting this event, and Andrew Black is our representative on the oversight committee. If you have ideas about how to honour Alan Turing, either at the ACM event or within your own SIGPLAN conference, please share them with Andrew.