

**1<sup>st</sup> Caribbean Conference on Information and Communications  
Technology (CCICT2009)  
March 16-17, 2009, Kingston, Jamaica**

**CALL FOR PAPERS and WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

1<sup>st</sup> Caribbean Conference on Information and Communications Technology (CCICT 2009), organized by the Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS) in collaboration with the University of the West Indies (UWI), is an international conference on Information and Communications Technology Research.

The theme of this conference is "Advances in ICT in Developing Countries – Research, Applications and Policies: A view from the Caribbean". The conference will be held at the Mona Visitors' Lodge and Conference Centre, the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica, Monday March 16 – Tuesday March 17, 2009.

More information is available at the conference website

<http://athena.uwimona.edu.jm/ccict> and at <http://www.caswi.org.jm/>

This conference is the third in a series of ICT conferences hosted at the University of the West Indies (Mona). The most recent one was held in 2006 under the theme "Impacting Information Systems Practice in Developing Countries through Relevant Research : A Caribbean perspective"

The last several years have witnessed an explosion of interest in ICTs and the Information Age. All parts of the globe are positioning themselves to exploit the advantages that ICTs bring and many countries are interested in making sure that they are not left behind. Concern about the possible consequences of a wide digital divide between the developed and the developing has prompted governments to institute policies to phase out such a divide.

The Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS), which has been in existence as a non-profit organization since 1988 in the region works closely with private and public sector organizations in the region and various international scientific organizations to develop science and technology in the region. CAS is organizing this conference to bring together ICT practitioners and research workers from academia, government and private sectors to interact with each other and find a common ground to work as a team to develop a competitive status in the international ICT market. We are expecting papers on ongoing research in academia, interesting applications in industry and ICT policies by our governments.

The venue of the conference is the Mona campus of the University of the West Indies, located in Jamaica, a beautiful island in the Caribbean Sea. The UWI has three traditional campuses: Mona in Jamaica, Cave Hill in Barbados and St. Augustine in Trinidad & Tobago. Mona has this year added a new campus, the Western Campus, to serve the western side of the island. The UWI is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has an on campus student population of over 30,000 full-time equivalent students pursuing programmes in various fields. (Approximately 15,000 of these are registered at Mona – 73% female and 27% male)

More information about the UWI is available at <http://uwi.mona.edu/>

Topics of interest

**Research papers:** We invite research papers describing innovative research on all aspects of Computing and Information and Communications Technology.

**Experience papers:** We also invite experience papers that focus on reporting ICT project experience. Describe the project context, detail practical lessons learned, and provide insight about how approaches and technologies within Computing and Information and Communications Technology can be improved for application in an industrial context.

In addition to scientific and experience reports, the conference will host several exciting satellite events. These will include workshops, poster sessions and panel discussions on topics of interest to Computing and Information and Communications Technology especially in the resource-stricken developing world. Posters may be used to show work in progress that has perhaps not yet yielded results that one can report on in a research paper.. We shall invite position papers on the selected topics and these will form the basis for discussions. Panel discussions will be based on topics and panellists proposed by conference participants. This conference will be followed by an awareness workshop which will be entirely devoted to Euro-Africa-Caribbean ICT project (<http://www.euroafrica-ict.org/>), a research initiative supported by the European Union. You will be able to attend this workshop without any extra registration charge.

The conference will include papers and presentations on topics chosen from but not limited to the following broad areas within Computing and Information and Communication Technology:

- Computer Science
- Software Engineering
- Information Systems
- Information Technology
- Computer Engineering
- Database Systems
- Networks
- Web Technologies
- Information Technology and Development
- Digital Divide
- Information Technology Policies
- e-Learning
- e-Health
- e-Government
- GIS

### ***Workshop Proposals***

CCIT 2009 will organise a forum for lively discussion of innovative ideas, recent progress, or practical experience on topics of interest, specific problems, or domain-specific needs in order to go forward.

Please visit the conference website <http://athena.uwimona.edu.jm/ccict> for more information.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **On-Line Registration:**

You may register for the conference online anytime before March 14, 2009. However, you can also register at the opening day of the conference. The registration charge is US100.00 or the equivalent in Jamaican Dollars (currently JM \$7,700)

#### **Experience and Scientific Papers deadlines:**

- \* Paper Submissions: December 31, 2008
- \* Notification: January 31, 2009
- \* Camera ready: February 14, 2009

#### **Submissions:**

Submit your papers online at <http://athena.uwimona.edu.jm/ccict/submit/>  
Papers must be not longer than 8 pages (including references, appendices etc.) All reasonable typesetting formats are acceptable. (Later, the authors of accepted papers will be asked to follow a particular typesetting format to prepare their papers for publication.)

The first page of the draft paper should include:

- ❖ Title of the paper.
- ❖ Name, affiliation, e-mail address, for each author.
- ❖ The first page should also identify the name of the Contact Author and a maximum of 5 topical keywords that would best represent the content of the paper.

Papers will undergo a thorough process of review by a program committee comprising leading experts from academia and industry; however, papers that are too long may be rejected without review. Conference proceedings will be published.

All papers must be original, unpublished, and not submitted simultaneously for publication elsewhere.