

Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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This is the first issue of the Spring conference papers. Over the next few months you will receive three issues of the Journal with the papers that were presented at the four Spring regional conferences. We hope you will find them as interesting and helpful as the editorial staff has found them.

How does one publish with the Consortium and what is the refereeing process? The first step is to go to the Consortium web site, <http://ccsc.org>. Clicking on the “Events” tab will show (via a map) locations of the conferences currently being planned, as well as whether they are Fall or Spring conferences. Remember that the refereeing process and publication process consume roughly six to eight months, so you will need to plan ahead.

The next step is to click on the “Regions” tab and go to the appropriate region. You can then go to the conference link and check out the call for participation which contains instructions on paper submissions.

The refereeing process is accomplished independently by each conference. It involves having all submissions reviewed blind and the reviewers making a recommendation to accept, reject, or marginal. Each paper receives at least three reviews. When notification of acceptance is received along with possibly recommendations for the final paper, the author goes through the final manuscript preparation process and the final manuscript is then forwarded to the editors to go through with final editing and assembly of the final manuscript and sending it to the printer.

When the paper is published it is considered a scholarly publication due to the scrupulous refereeing process.

NATIONAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

The Consortium is very happy to have the following as National Partners. If you have the opportunity please thank them for their support of computing in teaching institutions. As a National Partner they are invited to participate in our regional conferences. Visit with their representatives there.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board meeting minutes are available at the Consortium Web site (<http://ccsc.org/board/minutes/index.htm>).

BYLAWS REVISION

A committee of the Board has been working for over two years on a major rewrite of the CCSC Bylaws. The CCSC Board passed the revised minutes, and they will be presented for discussion at the Annual Meeting in Houston on 3rd March 2006. The revised Bylaws are now available for reading on the Consortium web site at <http://www.ccsc.org/board/ProposedBylawsChanges.pdf>. Please plan on coming to the Annual Meeting prepared to discuss the Bylaws revisions.

After the presentation of the Bylaws revisions at the Annual Meeting, the revision will appear on the Spring 2006 ballot for approval by the membership. The revision will pass if it receives a simple majority approval vote and that that majority comprises at least 10% of the voting membership. Your vote is important.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

The Calls for Participation for Consortium sponsored conferences are available at <http://www.ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

April 21-22, 2006

The *Seventeenth Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: South Central Conference** to be held at **Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, April 21-22, 2006**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccsc/>

April 21-22, 2006

The *Eleventh Annual* Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Northeastern Conference** to be held at **Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, April 21-22, 2006**. For information, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ccsene.org/2006/>

June 26-28, 2006

ITiCSE 2006, the 11th Annual Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, will be held **June 26-28 in Bologna, Italy**. For more information, visit the

conference web site at:

<http://www.iticse06.cs.unibo.it/cfp.html>

September 29-30, 2006

The **Thirteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Midwestern Conference** to be held at **DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, September 29-30, 2006**. Conference chair will be **Gloria Townshend of DePauw University**. For further information, visit the conference web site at:

<http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/conference>

October 6-7, 2006

The **Eighth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Northwestern Conference**, located east of the Cascades, is scheduled at **Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington October 6-7, 2006**. Additional information will be forthcoming on the Northwestern regional website,

<http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2006/>

October 20-21, 2006

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Rocky Mountain Conference** to be held at **Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, October 20-21, 2006**. The conference chair is Noel LeJeune, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and the site chair is Aaron Gordon, Fort Lewis College. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://ecarey.uvsc.edu/ccsc/>

October 27-28, 2006

The **Twenty-second Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Eastern Conference**, will be held at **University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, October 27-28, 2006**. Conference co-chairs are Karen Anewalt and Jennifer A. Polack-Wahl, University of Mary Washington. For further information, visit the conference web site at:

<http://ccsce06.umw.edu>

November 10-11, 2006

The **Twentieth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Southeastern Conference** to be held at **Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, Nov 2006**. Becky Tallon and Jon Fouss are site co-chairs. For further information, visit the conference web site at:

<http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/conference.php?year=20th>

March 7-10, 2007

SIGCSE 2007, the 38th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, will be held **March 7-10 in Covington, Kentucky**. Follow the link from the SIGCSE homepage, <http://www.sigcse.org>

April 13-14, 2007

The **Thirteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Drury University, Springfield, MO, April 13-14, 2007**. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/centralplains> for the latest conference information and steering committee.