



Call for Papers

The Indian pattern conference GuruPLoP is an excellent venue to meet pattern experts and to exchange knowledge about patterns. The conference helps you to learn more about patterns, to receive feedback on your own work, and to discuss with fellow pattern enthusiasts. We especially encourage new-comers and non-academic pattern enthusiasts to participate in the conference. Open and supportive atmosphere makes GuruPLoP a great opportunity to get familiar with patterns and patterns community. GuruPLoP 2014 will be held from February 21–23, 2014, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, in co-location with ISEC.

The core of GuruPLoP is a series of writers' workshops where authors work together to improve their papers. Before patterns or other papers are accepted for a writers' workshop, they are shepherded. This means that an experienced author will discuss your submission with you, so that you can refine your paper prior to the conference. After shepherding, all submissions will be peer reviewed and accepted papers will be discussed at the conference in a writers' workshop. After the conference, you refine your paper with the additional feedback from the workshop and then submit the camera-ready version for the proceedings. Submitting a paper to GuruPLoP gives you a good opportunity to get intensive feedback and other opinions on their work through shepherding and through the writers' workshops.

Submissions

GuruPLoP accepts papers containing patterns or pattern languages as well as experience reports and papers related to the theory and use of patterns. Papers submitted to GuruPLoP cover a wide range of subjects, from technical issues to social and organizational issues. The submitted papers should contain one or more patterns maximum number of pages being 10. However, we are not particularly strict on this limit and longer pattern languages or sequences and work-in-progress papers will also be considered for inclusion.

Following the shepherding, papers may be accepted directly into a Writers' Workshop, or into the Writing Group. Writing Group papers will receive additional face-to-face shepherding at the conference itself. Writing Group papers reaching the required standard will be considered for workshop review on the final day of the conference.

There is a three stage submission process:

1 – Initial submissions are assessed for suitability. Accepted papers are assigned a shepherd who will help the author improve the paper.

- 2 – Half way through the shepherding process, authors are expected to submit a second draft. The paper will be assessed for quality and the author's willingness to accept feedback. This review will determine whether a paper is accepted to the conference or not.
- 3 – Authors and shepherds are expected to continue until the final drafts are due.

To submit your paper, please visit: <http://hillside.net/guruplop/2014/submission>.

Papers that have been in writer's workshop at GuruPLOP qualify for a submission to the Springer journal LNCS Transactions on Pattern Languages of Programming (TPLoP).

At least one of the authors of co-authored accepted papers are expected to register for the conference. Failure to do so may result in acceptance being withdrawn.

Important Dates

- December 16th: Paper submission deadline
- December 18th: Start of shepherding
- January 12th: Deadline for second draft
- January 26th: Paper acceptance notification
- February 21-23, 2014: Conference

More Information

If you have any questions, please contact the conference and program chair Rebecca Rikner (rebecca@rikner.com) or visit <http://hillside.net/guruplop>.