

The Institute for Applied Informatics at the University of Leipzig cordially invites PhD candidates working with services research topics to participate in the

**ISSS-Future Lab: PhD Student Workshop
Leipzig, Germany, March 23rd, 2009**

*as part of
The First International Symposium on Services Science (ISSS 2009),
Leipzig, Germany, 23rd - 25th March 2009*

The goals of the event are to bring together academics and doctoral students to share their knowledge, co-develop ideas and perspectives of interest to the Services Science and discuss about doing research concerning services. A group of distinguished local and international professors and experts will be coaching the students providing valuable insights on how to proceed with their dissertations and what to consider when publishing academic papers about dissertation research. Professors will share their experiences on how to tackle common and practical problems along the journey and how to design a thesis that can be completed effectively. Active group discussion with peer PhD-students gives additional feedback and possibilities to network with those working with similar research topics.

Who can participate?

The event is intended for PhD students and PhDs interested in Services Science.

How to participate?

To apply to participate, a 2-3 page (up to 1500 words) extended abstract describing the PhD candidate's research design should be submitted using the word/latex-templates provided. Please send your abstract to Kyrill Meyer(meyer@informatik.uni-leipzig.de) no later **than December 31st, 2008**.

To guarantee a high quality of feedback, the extended abstract will be reviewed in advance by the professors and other PhD candidates participating in the event. The extended abstract/short paper should address the following issues (but not necessarily in this order):

- motivation, background and/or topicality of the research
- topic, research question, research assignment, and/or hypotheses
- the body of literature to which the study links and contributes to
- possible research perspectives and/or main aspects of the theoretical framework
- key methodological choices; data, analysis strategies, etc.
- expected or preliminary findings, ideas of how to report them, and evaluation of the expected contributions of the dissertation

PhD candidates selected to present their work in the seminar will be notified by **January 15th, 2008**. The workshop language will be English.

What will be the schedule?

The program of the Future Lab PhD Student Workshop will consist of presentation sessions and discussions. Students will present their work and be able to discuss it with professors and other students. Furthermore, valuable practical information and experiences (such as how to organize yourself, how to write, etc.) will be shared. The exact schedule will depend on the number of applicants.

What are the costs?

Participants will be required to register to the ISSS 2009 (student fee starting from 50 Euro) and cover their own travel and accomodation expenses (discount rates at different hotels are available). With the registration they will also be able to attend the *First International Symposium on Services Science (ISSS 2009)*.

Please refer to <http://iss.uni-leipzig.de> for further information.