



ETHICOMP 2004

14-16 April 2004
Syros, Greece



Announcement and Call for Papers

The **ETHICOMP** conference series is now recognised as one of the premier international events on computer ethics. Conferences are held about every 18 months. **ETHICOMP 2004** is the seventh conference in the series. The conference will be held on **14-15-16 April 2004** at the University of the Aegean in **Syros, Greece**, in collaboration with the Athens University of Economics and Business.

ETHICOMP 2004 focuses on the "**Challenges for the Citizen of the Information Society**". The aim of the conference is to present and discuss the social and ethical impact of information and communication technologies (ICT) on individuals as consumers, as employees and as citizens.

Papers of an ethical or societal nature within the following areas are particularly welcomed.

1. *The Information Society Context*

- Providing a suitable legal and regulatory framework to take into account technological advancements, protect individual rights, implement regulations in a global context, and/or enable a global information society.
- Challenges for governments and their agencies wishing to provide services to the general public, support access and diffusion of innovative technologies to all citizens; differences among local and global perspectives.
- Adoption and diffusion in different cultural environments. Social inclusion and exclusion. Gender issues. Privacy and personal data protection in the digital era.
- Using ICT to promote security, and the implications of this.

2. *Social and ethical issues for consumers in the Information Society*

- Issues of trust and privacy on-line. Digital content distribution over the Internet: issues of anarchy vs censorship, digital rights, security and control. Ethical implications in the use of peer-to-peer content distribution technologies.
- Ethics of virtual communities.
- Addressing usability concerns.
- Social and ethical issues in customer relationship management and business intelligence.
- Social and ethical issues of new methods of news and propaganda dissemination.

3. *Social and ethical issues for employees, workers and managers in the Information Society*

- Opportunities and threats for lifelong learning, telework, social inclusion, community relationships, equal opportunities, and the consequential impacts in resource use.
- Changes in the work environment, including mobility, monitoring practices, 'big brother' in the work environment.
- Issues of motivation and responsibility. Development of new skills.
- Responsibilities of the Information Systems and Software Engineering professional; including for collective acts/inaction and for what others do with the technology.
- Challenges in knowledge management; individual vs. organisational learning. Online learning resources and the Internet as a knowledge pool.

Papers covering one or several of these perspectives are called for from business, government, computer science, information systems, law, media, anthropology, psychology, sociology and philosophy. Interdisciplinary papers and those from new researchers and practitioners are encouraged. A paper might take a conceptual, applied, practical or historical focus.

How to submit

Papers written in English and not published nor submitted elsewhere will be accepted on the basis of an extended abstract of between 700 and 1000 words after a careful review by Programme Committee members.

The first page of each submission must include the title, all of the authors' names, affiliations, complete mailing addresses including email, telephone numbers, and a statement of commitment that one of the authors will present the paper at **ETHICOMP 2004** in Greece.

Please make submissions in the electronic form via email as embedded plain text or an attachment in RTF format.

Abstracts must be submitted no later than **10 September 2003** to ccsr@dmu.ac.uk. Authors will be informed of the decision of the Programme Committee by 10 October 2003.

Important Dates

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| 10 September 2003 | Latest date to submit abstracts to ccsr@dmu.ac.uk |
| 10 October 2003 | Authors informed of Programme Committee decisions |
| 20 January 2004 | Last date for receipt of full papers from authors (electronic/camera ready versions) |
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