Call for Papers

Information: Interactions and Impact (i^3) focuses on the quality and effectiveness of the interaction between people and information and how this interaction can bring about change. The conference will look beyond the issues of use and accessibility of technology to questions about the way people interact with the information and knowledge content of today's systems and services, and how this might ultimately affect the impact of that information on individuals, organisations and communities.

We invite the submission of high quality papers that report original research or critically discuss underlying methodological issues associated with the main themes of the conference. Papers may reflect ongoing or completed research studies and should not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. We would particularly welcome papers which address two or more of the following conference themes:

- the quality and effectiveness of user/information interactions (e.g. information literacies);
- patterns of information behaviour in different contexts (e.g. creativity, ethics, surveillance, ownership, information recycling/reuse);
- the social, cultural and economic impacts of engagement with information, including the assessment of impact;
- the value of information and knowledge as enablers of resilience and change in organisations and communities.

Criteria for acceptance
Criteria for acceptance will be based on the following elements:
- the relevance of the paper to the conference themes;
- the extent to which the paper demonstrates awareness of the current state of knowledge in the field (i.e. in relation to theory or practice);
- the originality and significance of the arguments and results presented (i.e. based on new findings and addressing a new problem or focusing on a novel synthesis and in-depth discussion of existing research, which provides a new perspective);
- the appropriateness, validity and robustness of the methodology chosen displaying awareness of limitations;
- the contribution to knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding information interactions and impact;
- the quality of the written abstract (e.g. organisation and clarity).

Submissions will be anonymously reviewed by two members of an International Programme Committee specialising in one or more of the conference research streams.

Type of submissions
Submissions are invited for full papers, short papers and round table discussions. The conference language will be English.

Full papers
Full papers will be allocated 40 minutes (35 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions). Presenters of full papers should submit an extended abstract of 1000 words (excluding the list of references). Authors who are accepted to give full papers at i^3 are also invited to submit a full paper for consideration by the editorial board of the Journal of Information Science for a special issue in spring 2016.

Short papers
Short papers will be allocated 15 minutes for presentation with opportunities for questions at the end of each session. Presenters of short papers should submit an abstract of 300-500 words (excluding the list of references).

Round Table Discussions
Proposals are welcome from persons interested in chairing a round table discussion (of between 60 and 80 minutes) centred on the major conference themes. Chairpersons should submit an abstract of 300-500 words (excluding the list of references), explaining the background and goals of their discussion.

Preparing your paper
1. The abstract should be prepared as .doc or .docx file.
2. Full paper abstracts should be 1000 words (excluding the list of references), and short paper and round table discussion abstracts should be 300-500 words (excluding the list of references).
3. Papers should be written using Calibri font, size 11; single spacing; justified alignment.
4. Tables or figures must be numbered and have captions at the bottom.
5. Referencing should be done using the Harvard referencing system.

How to submit a paper
Please download and save an Abstract Submission Form. The Abstract Submission Form is available as Microsoft Word.

Please attach your completed form to an email and send it to i3submissions@rgu.ac.uk. Receipt of your abstract will be acknowledged by email.

Submit your paper by Wednesday 28 January 2015.

Important Deadlines
- All abstracts should be submitted by Wednesday 28 January 2015.
- Notification of acceptance will be emailed in mid March.
- The final copy of full papers for Journal of Information Science should be received by **30 September 2015**. Acceptance of a paper for the conference does not necessarily mean acceptance of the full paper for publication.