Search Solutions 2023 London 22 November

Call for Speakers



Search Solutions is a unique event. There are plenty of academic conferences on search, but very few focus exclusively on the interaction between theory and practice. Attendees of the 2022 event gave it an overwhelming positive score, a statistic unconnected with the wine and nibbles provided at the end of the day.

Why is Search Solutions so successful? Two reasons: the speakers, and the interaction. Presentations at Search Solutions have included Google, Microsoft, Bloomberg and Clarivate, as well as case studies from search implementation managers. As always, the venue will be the [BCS London office](https://www.bcs.org/about-us/our-london-office-and-event-venue/) near Liverpool Street Station. We deliberately keep the event small enough for everyone to talk to each other. On 21 November there will be a series of tutorials and workshops; details will be published on this web site in due course.

Submission Guidelines

We are especially interested (as will be the audience!) in proposals for presentations around the following categories:

* Innovative approaches for IR production systems and products, including Large Language Models
* Topical issues in IR practice, e.g. relevance metrics, trust, bias, and fairness
* Presentations that build bridges between disciplines: information science, data science, user experience and information management
* Presentations that discuss IR practice across professional communities, e.g. eCommerce, media, recruitment, library and information science and healthcare
* Search project case studies

We particularly encourage presentations from startups and open-source projects. We timetable the presentations for 25 minutes with a 10-minute Q&A so that we can get at least nine presentations into the day. We prefer on-site presentations as these stimulate discussion throughout the day but will consider remote participation.

Proposals (maximum one page) should include

* Title
* Abstract
* Up to five audience takeaways
* A link to biographies of the presenter(s) and their organisation
* Preference for on-site or remote presentation
* Email and mobile phone contact details

If you would like to talk through your ideas for a presentation please contact either Martin White martin.white@intranetfocus.com or Michael Upshall (michael@consultmu.co.uk)

Proposals should be submitted electronically as a Word file to irsg@bcs.org.uk but copied to both the Co-chairs (above) to make sure they get through at least one spam filter.

No proceedings of the event will be published but we hope that as many participants as possible will release their presentations for publication on the conference web site.

Important Dates

* Talk proposal due: 4 August
* Notifications: 1 September
* Conference: 22 November

Organisers

* Martin White (Co-chair)
* Michael Upshall (Co-chair)
* Tony Russell-Rose
* Udo Kruschwitz
* Ingo Frommholz
* Monica Paramita