

8th European Summer School in Information Retrieval



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

<http://essir.uni-koblenz.de/>

1. School Organization

1.1 ESSIR'11 offers teaching in Computer Science disciplines related to Information Retrieval, at the Master level of University education. School participants are expected to have background knowledge in foundational Computer Science disciplines, at least at the Bachelor level in Informatics or related fields. By submitting the application form, the participant declares to meet the entry requirements as provided on the School website.

1.2 ESSIR'11 will address advertised learning expectations and content as far as possible. We ask participants to recognize that sometimes Summer School lecturers are prevented from attending for personal or business reasons. In such cases, ESSIR'11 will endeavour to find suitable equal-quality replacements. In this connection, ESSIR'11 reserves the right to appropriately adjust the School outline, and can accept no liability for resulting program changes.

1.3 Upon successful participation in ESSIR'11 lectures, Participant can receive the "Transcript of records" in ECTS format (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, 3 credit points for the master course "Information Retrieval") from University of Koblenz. This option is only available for students currently enrolled in bachelor/master/diploma programs, the original proof of enrolment / matriculation from home university shall be presented on site.

The "Transcript of records" can be issued in category Y (successful participation in all lectures, no examination) or with graded result A-E (after examination). Examination forms and success criteria will be published with course materials and explained during ESSIR'11 in detail. Failure to pass the examination does not warrant any claims for reimbursement of ESSIR'11 participation fees.

1.5 Participant agrees to participate in promotional activities undertaken by ESSIR'11 which include photography, videoing, recording and other such activities. These activities may result a) in the production of materials featuring the Participant such as photos, videos, brochures, posters, websites, newsletters and b) publishing of such materials in printed form, on the Web, or on Web 2.0 media sharing platforms.

1.6 ESSIR'11 expects that the Participant will act in a sensitive and considerate manner at all times and will respect the rights of others. While every subtlety of proper behaviour cannot be detailed, the rules governing the Summer School including but not limited to such as are set out of this Terms and Conditions are to be adhered to strictly. Failure to abide by them is likely to be dealt with immediately and may lead to termination of Summer School participation.

1.7 In those cases for which the Terms and Conditions do not explicitly provide a regulation, the Chair of ESSIR'11 will decide in reasonableness and in fairness.

2. Travel arrangements

2.1 The Participant is strongly advised to be at all times comprehensively insured to cover all costs and consequences of medical treatment, repatriation, personal/public liability, personal accident, damage/theft/ loss of personal belongings, legal expenses, recovery of course fees and flights booked or needed in the event of cancellation or early departure. EU Nationals are strongly advised to bring a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Insurance is in the full responsibility of the Participant and will not be offered as part of ESSIR'11 service.

2.2 The Participant is strongly advised to ensure that they have appropriate entry permission for Germany (e.g. EU Schengen visa) covering the Summer School dates and that they can comply with all other EU/German entry and residence requirements. Fulfillment of Visa and Entry requirements for Germany is in the full responsibility of the Participant. Under no circumstances any refund will be made on grounds of lack of visa or other travel documents required to enter Germany legitimately save in accordance with Clause 4.

2.3 On request, ESSIR'11 will support registered participants with Visa Letters of Invitation. The Invitation Letter can only be produced if a) the Participant provided correct and complete personal information in the visa section of electronic registration service, and b) ESSIR'11 has received the complete payment of participation fees. ESSIR'11 can neither guarantee the success of particular visa applications nor influence processing times in any form.

2.4 The Participant is strongly advised to ensure accommodation in Koblenz for the duration of stay with the Summer School. In cooperation with Koblenz-Kongress the School will offer pre-arranged contingents of rooms in several hotels. Detailed instructions for accommodation requests can be found on the School web site. Accommodation is in the full responsibility of the Participant and will not be offered as part of ESSIR'11 service.

3. Payment

3.1 Applications via the website without immediate online payment will be considered as provisional applications. The reception date of the full payment will be considered as the registration date. Payments must be received within 10 working days after application and no later than 7 days before the starting day of the event. The participant cannot derive any rights from the provisional application.

3.2 All payments shall be made by the Participant without set-off or deduction of any kind in Euro (EUR) using PayPal or wired transfer as instructed by the electronic registration service of ESSIR'11.

4. Cancellations, terminations, refunds

4.1 Any cancellation must be actually received by ESSIR'11 in writing (fax or postal mail).

4.2 Cancellations before start date of the School will be on the following terms:

- Cancellation 30+ days before beginning: Refund 80%
- Cancellation 0-29 days before beginning: Refund 0%

4.3 Cancellations or terminations occurring after the commencement date of the School for any reason will receive no refund of any participation fees.

4.4 All refunds are less any foreign exchange or money transfer charges and any similar expenses incurred by ESSIR'11, plus a nominal management charge of 50,00 EUR.

4.5 In the case of what it considers to be a genuine visa rejection (and upon the supply of the original rejection letter) but not otherwise ESSIR'11 may elect to refund full participation fees under conditions stated in Clause 4.4.

6. Force Majeure

ESSIR'11 will not be deemed to be in breach of the agreement or otherwise be liable to the Participant for non-performance or part- performance only or delay in performance of any obligation under this Terms and Conditions arising out of circumstances beyond its control of which it has notified at any time to the Participant including but not limited to occurrences or threatened or suspected occurrences of activities of suspected terrorists, human or animal disease, fire or flood, or direction of any competent local or national authority or fear of any such.

7. Legal Information

The 8th European Summer School in Information Retrieval (ESSIR'11) is a non-profit academic teaching event that provides high-quality lecturing in the field of Information Retrieval to experts and students in Computer Science. ESSIR'11 is coordinated by the Institute for Web Science and Technologies (WeST) at the University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany.

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