



2nd ACM SIGSPATIAL Workshop on Recommendations for Location-based Services and Social Networks

November 6, 2018, Seattle, Washington, USA

<http://www.ec.tuwien.ac.at/localrec2018>

Call for Papers

Driven by technological advances in hardware (positioning systems, environmental sensors), software (standards, tools, network services), and aided by various open movements (open, linked, government data) and the ever-growing mentality of sharing for the greater good (crowdsourcing, crowdfunding, collaborative and volunteered geographic information), the amount of available geo-referenced data has seen dramatic explosion over the past few years. Human activities generate data and traces that are now often transparently annotated with location and contextual information. At the same time, it has become easier than ever to collect and combine rich and diverse information about locations. Exploiting this torrent of geo-referenced data provides a tremendous potential to materially improve existing and offer novel types of recommendation services, with clear benefits in many domains, including social networks, marketing, and tourism.

Fully exploiting this potential requires addressing many core challenges and combining ideas and techniques from various research communities, such as recommender systems, data management, geographic information systems, social network analytics, text mining. Bringing together researchers and practitioners from these communities, the aim of this workshop is to provide a unique forum for discussing in depth and collecting feedback about challenges, opportunities, novel techniques and applications. LocalRec is about making recommendations in which location plays a key role, either as part of the recommended object, or as part of the recommendation process.

We solicit original contributions of both *long* and *short research* or *survey* papers and *short vision* or *demonstration* papers addressing the following non-comprehensive list of topics:

Location-aware recommender systems

- location as context
- collaborative filtering vs. content-based recommendations
- case and empirical studies
- evaluation methods and metrics; datasets and benchmarks

Location-based social networks

- recommendations for locations, events, venues, travel
- friend and community suggestions
- extracting preferences, tips, ratings, patterns, habits
- modeling geo-social influence of users and locations

Location-based advertising

- location-aware viral campaigns
- proximity marketing; beacons and IoT

Tourism

- trip planning and recommendations
- recommending travel destinations, hotels
- recommending tourist routes and points of interest
- automatic guide and tour generation
- exhibition arrangement

Security and privacy in location-aware applications

- attack and threat scenarios
- spatial anonymization and cloaking

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Important Dates

Workshop

November 6, 2018 (morning)

Submission Deadlines (tentative)

Abstract: September 7, 2018

Submission: September 7, 2018

Notification: September 27, 2018

Camera-ready: October 3, 2018

All Deadlines at 11:59pm PST