
Preface

Audiovisual, interactive and mobile media interweave with our everyday life, a major aspect of the so-called megatrend digitalization. In almost all our areas of life, be it private or professional, they change our behavior and affect our perception, thinking and feeling. The ‘Forum Media Technology (FMT)’ is a scientific event that aims at providing an intensive dialogue of experts working at agencies, studios, and companies of different industries with students, lecturers, researchers, and developers in the field of digital media.

This year in its 10th jubilee edition, the Forum Media Technology was held on November 29-30, 2017 at St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences, Austria. In conjunction with the main conference, the 3rd edition of the trans-disciplinary symposium ‘All Around Audio (AAA)’ as well as the 2nd edition of the ‘Graduate Consortium’ were part of the two day program.

All Around Audio Symposium

Although, audio has not abandoned its status as a standalone discipline, its trans-disciplinary participation at the conception and design of products and environments has become more and more essential. In this sense, All Around Audio not only addresses specialists in the audio domain but particularly encourages researchers and designers from other fields to participate in the symposium. In its third edition, 16 international speakers were invited for talks on a wide spectrum of topics reaching from media economy, audio technology, auditory display to music and media arts.

Graduate Consortium

The FMT 2017 Graduate Consortium session was intended to provide an opportunity for graduate and PhD students to explore, discuss and develop their research topic in an interdisciplinary workshop, under the guidance of a panel of distinguished researchers.

Forum Media Technology Conference Track

Submissions for the FMT conference track were accepted in two categories of full and short papers. All submitted papers underwent a double-blind review process, during which each paper was reviewed by at least three members of the international program committee (IPC) of the conference. Based on the written reviews, final decisions were made by the paper chairs and finally 13 papers (8 full + 5 short) were accepted for presentation at the conference (acceptance rate: 50%). In addition, a total of 7 poster contributions were presented in an interactive sessions, of which 2 posters are part of the special track of the OpenGLAM hackathon, which took place in September at St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences. The accepted papers can be clustered into four areas: computer vision, research design & digital healthcare, data visualization, as well as human-computer interaction.

For the second time this year, also one best paper and three honorable mention awards were given to the top four contributions of the FMT. The award is based on the scientific excellence of the paper as well as the presentation performance of the authors at the conference. The selection process for the best paper award followed a three-step process. First, IPC members indicated whether a paper should be considered for the award. Based on that, the paper chairs decided on a short list of four nominated papers for the award and the selected papers’ authors were informed about their nomination. The final decision was made by an anonymous best paper committee consisting of three members who took into account both the paper as well as the presentation to make their final decision.

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