

Call for Papers

New Research for New Media: Innovative Research Methods 2nd Edition

September 30 - October 2, 2004

Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona, Catalonia

Application deadline: April 30, 2004

Notification of acceptance: May 15, 2004

Information and application: http://www.inms.umn.edu/convenings/newresearch_2004/main.htm

The Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona, Catalonia in collaboration with the Institute for New Media Studies at the University of Minnesota invites you to apply for participation in an upcoming symposium: New Research for New Media: Innovative Research Methods Symposium - 2nd Edition.

The Internet and evolving new media and communication technologies offer researchers two sets of opportunities: the development of new research techniques and a new, wide-open communication arena to be studied. New techniques such as email surveying, chat space interviewing, electronic brainstorming, user session statistics analysis, and eye-tracking are joining tried and true research methods. New communication phenomena and emerging media usage scenarios are calling for analysis. Studies using the results of these new techniques and on the new media arena are well into the mainstream of research agendas in universities, but the focus of the papers tend to be on the findings, not the determination and effectiveness of the methods used to get those findings.

The call for papers for the Symposium is open to any researcher interested in writing a paper on the research method/s used for an actual research project on new media he/she is conducting or has conducted. These papers will focus on the methodology used rather than the outcome of the research. The papers will discuss in depth the methodology, how they came to decide to use that method, challenges faced in the application of the method, and questions they have about effective use of the method. Papers should be 5 to 7 pages long.

20 lines abstracts along with a brief research curriculum can be sent before April 30, 2004 through this [webform](http://www.inms.umn.edu/convenings/newresearch_2004/application.htm) [link: http://www.inms.umn.edu/convenings/newresearch_2004/application.htm]. Notification of acceptance is due by May 15th. Full papers, 5 to 7 pages long, will be delivered before June 15th 2004, once they have been accepted.

Approaches from any discipline are welcomed, and diversity will be a criteria in the selection. Communication, socio-technical, psychological, cultural, linguistic, anthropological, sociological and gender studies are examples of possible areas of new media research suitable to be selected.

Each of the panels will have a chair person who will select the most insightful papers and will write up a summary of the research status, concerns and challenges of that methodological area. Papers will not be strictly presented at the sessions, which will be focused on discussion.

Papers submitted but not assigned to a panel will be able to be presented in a poster session if the paper's writer chooses and if they attend the conference as a participant.

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Symposium Dates: 6 pm - Thursday, September 30 to 4 pm - Saturday, October 2

Cost: 100 euros registration (includes: coffee breaks, lunches and official dinner) Registration fee is waived if your paper is accepted.