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Papers Chairs' Welcome

CHI 2026 papers track has been record-breaking. The track attracted an unprecedented number of submissions (6730), representing a 34 % increase from 2025 (5014) and a 60 % increase from 2024 (4046). As a result, the track accepted an unprecedented 1702 papers.

This year, we introduced a revised Papers Desk Reject process by adding an Assisted Desk Reject step. Assisted Desk Rejects (ADR) were collaboratively decided by the ACs, subcommittee chairs, and paper chairs, striving for consistency and clarity and applying the best possible expert judgment. ADR criteria focused on judging a paper as out of scope, or so far from acceptable as to make external reviews unnecessary. Of the 6730 completed submissions, 2603 (39 %) were invited to revise and resubmit their papers, and 2576 were resubmitted by authors (38 %). In the second round of reviewing, through re-review and committee discussion in the PC Meetings, 1702 (25.3 %) of the original complete submissions were finally accepted.

Also in 2026, we encouraged shorter as well as regular-size contributions by enabling authors to indicate paper length at submission time, thus helping reviewers to treat shorter papers appropriately. As Paper Chairs, we also aimed to improve the paper reading and reviewing experience by reducing workload and, whenever possible, giving Associate Chairs (senior reviewers) more time to complete their tasks. The 2026 paper track program committee comprised 1,203 individuals, including 4 Paper Chairs, 55 Subcommittee Chairs (SC) for 18 subcommittees, 34 assistants who assist with various tasks, and an impressive 1,110 Associate Chairs (AC). Despite these record numbers, the workload still ended up being quite high, due to the overwhelming number of submissions. Together with more than 4,900 reviewers, the programme committee produced more than 23,600 reviews and meta-reviews. We recognize that reviewing workload and fatigue in the reviewer pool remains a challenge for CHI' s future, and we are extremely thankful for the many people who were able to give their time and expertise to the process.

We hope you enjoy the exciting papers at CHI2026.

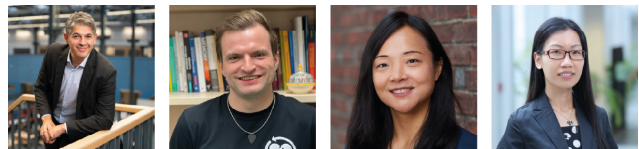
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