MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Computer Society of India
and
Springer

I. Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish an agreement between the Computer Society of India (CSI) and Springer (represented by Springer Science+Business Media Singapore Private Ltd. and hereafter mentioned as Springer) to promote collaborations between the two parties. The MoU acknowledges CSI as India's largest and most professionally managed association of and for computer professionals and endeavours to support advancing the impact of CSI as society and as a knowledge brand. Accordingly, the MoU supports a co-publishing partnership between Springer and the CSI) for **the publication of conference proceedings organised by the members and Chapters of CSI.**

The main activities supported by this MoU will be as follows:

- CSI members/chapters develop conferences of high quality and full international (or national) relevance; Springer publishes the conference proceedings or post-proceedings in Communications in Computer and Information Science (CCIS) Series if the content quality meets Springer's CCIS standards.

- Springer will provide a point of contact for CSI members to:

  o help them understand the nuances of organizing a quality conference
  o discuss and hand-hold in developing communities around international conferences organised by CSI (members/Chapters)

The published proceedings will be disseminated via Springer's international publication platform.

II. Background

CSI General Information:

- CSI (since 1965) is the largest and most professionally managed association of and for IT professionals in India;
- CSI serves 100,000 members and 500 student branches at 73 different locations, playing an important role in the computer science academic and professional community of India. CSI has plans of opening many more chapters & activity centers in smaller towns and cities of the country;
- CSI members and Chapters hold many national/international conferences every year;

Springer

- Springer is a major force in scientific, scholarly, professional and educational publishing, created in May 2015 through the combination of Nature Publishing Group, Palgrave Macmillan, Macmillan Education and Springer Science+Business Media.
- Springer is the largest scientific book publisher in the world, and a leading academic journal publisher globally;
- Springer has a leading position in electronic publishing, the SpringerLink digital library is subscribed by 60,000 institutions/libraries globally;
- Annually, Springer publishes over 8,000 books, out of which, almost 1000 books are in computer science, including conference proceedings, post-proceedings, monographs, textbooks, etc;
- Springer publishes almost 3,000 journals every year, out of which about 150 journals cover broad research realms in computer science;
- Springer has cultivated close contacts with scientists, Universities and Institutes in India and many prestigious co-publishing partnerships are already well established with renowned societies;
- Springer has standardized procedures/systems for scientific content processing and publishing;
- LNCS is largest series of computer science conference proceedings and post-proceedings, and CCIS as a complementary series, is open for national/regional conferences to publish proceedings and post-proceedings.

III. Collaborative Agreements and Terms

In cooperation with the CSI, Springer will publish the proceedings or post-proceedings of scientific events/conferences in accordance with the terms outlined herein and in the separate volume agreements to be issued separately for each conference and duly signed by editors/organisers of the conference.

The term 'conference' will refer to any type of scientific event-**congress, symposium, workshop**, etc. and the term 'proceedings' will refer to both- the conference proceedings published in time for a conference and the post-conference proceedings that usually contain a collection of revised selected papers originally accepted (and presented) at a scientific event. It could also include volumes that consist of both conference papers and invited contributions.

1) **Publishing conference proceedings or post proceedings of high quality national/international conferences:**

- The conferences are initialized and organized with the aim to reflect the regional strength and latest developments in the specific related areas;
- The themes of the conferences should be focused and located in the areas of computer science, and the covered topics should be related with computer science research and applications.
- CSI will strive for consistently high quality and full national/international relevance of the conferences;
- The program committees and steering committees of such conferences will include a fair share of overseas members and these members will be actively involved in mentoring and organizing these conferences, including the peer review process;
- Springer's proceedings series CCIS serves as a platform for the publication of the proceedings, or post-proceedings of the conferences;
- For workshops, it is encouraged to develop post-proceedings based on the invited, selected and revised papers.

2) **Non-exclusive and non-binding co-publishing partnership**: The conference proceedings meeting global standards of peer-review and quality will only be selected for publication after passing through the rigours of evaluation by the Editorial Board of CCIS.

3) **Zero financial responsibility of CSI:**

- Complete financial responsibility of publishing will be on Springer, until any deliverables like printed books, USB sticks, CD-ROMs or navigable electronic content are required by conference organisers, or Open Access model is chosen to publish a proceeding. Springer will undertake editorial work and production at its own expense and will also use its abstracting and indexing expertise, sales and marketing networks to ensure that the sole, permanent, world-wide, and unlimited right to get indexed, reproduce, publish and sell the proceedings is well taken care of.
- The costs for ordering and deliverables like hard copies of conference proceedings, USBs etc. will be individually aligned with the latest price matrixes provided by Springer.

4) **Co-branding and global visibility of proceedings**: Each proceeding published under this partnership will carry the names of CSI and Springer and their logos on the book cover.

5) Springer provides **free usage of the online conference system OCS for all conferences** published under this agreement;

6) Springer owns the copyright of all volumes published under this agreement. **Via CSI website/CSI Digital Library CSI members will be allowed permanent free electronic access to the content of all volumes published under this agreement on Springer's websites** and the CSI members after being authenticated can access this content. The CSI will take this access as non-commercial, serving only for research and education usages and the distribution of these electronic files will not be allowed.

7) **Worldwide dissemination**: Springer shall be solely responsible for planning, implementing, and managing the promotion, marketing, and advertising of the proceedings to the appropriate worldwide markets. On the other hand, CSI and its chapters too will be entitled to use their best efforts in promoting all the proceedings under this partnership to their own network and affiliated organizations, including but not limited to e-mail, web, advertising, and conference promotions.

IV. Expectations from CSI

In order to raise the bar of our conferences internationally, CSI's expertise and networking will be required to:

- Formulate strong Technical and Advisory Committees comprising of national and international experts (from renowned Universities/corporates of repute) in the focus area of proposed conferences
- Build communities around conferences
- Define steps to check plagiarism
- Focus on stringent peer-review process involving all the members mentioned in the Committees and by allowing sufficient time for review

V. Validity and the Term

- The agreement will be valid after having been signed by both authorized representatives.
- The agreement will be valid from the signed date and prolong five years (till 31st December 2020) in the first term. After expiring, the agreement can be continued for second term if both sides agree and sign.
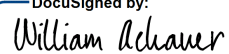
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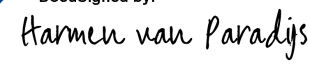Private Ltd., Singapore

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