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Major Goals:

The Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, and Prediction (SBP) conference is a platform for bringing together researchers from a wide variety of disciplines in this rapidly developing area of research to interact, discuss and disseminate on research issues that are central to its progress and to encourage new collaborations that are essential to its steady development and healthy evolution.

SBP is a highly interdisciplinary conference that offers a rare and exciting opportunity for behavioral and social science researchers to come together with computational scientists and other related disciplines. SBP provides opportunities for training, professional development, and community building via keynote presentations, tutorials, paper and poster presentations, challenge session, funding panel, and cross-fertilization roundtable session.

With the support, we aim to (1) further grow the conference and (2) create avenues to encourage participation from students, postdoctoral fellows, and early-career faculty. SBP'17 followed the successful format of SBP'16, evolved from the experience and feedback obtained in the previous years' meetings.

Accomplishments Under Goals:

Efforts supported under the grant helped advance the mission of the conference. Participation from students, early-career researchers, under-represented disciplines in the area of social computing has increased over the years. More importantly, in several cases, the recipients of the travel support return to the conference in subsequent years, strengthening the SBP community.

The conference has produced a proceedings with Springer and a special issue in the Computational and Mathematical Organizational Theory. The proceedings is uploaded and the special issue will be shared as soon as it is published (in early Fall of 2018).

Training Opportunities:

The travel support by the grant made it possible for the students, early career researchers, and researchers from under-represented disciplines to attend the conference. Participants were exposed to a breadth of cutting-edge research topics in social computing discipline via regular paper presentations, short paper presentations, late-breaking paper presentations, poster sessions, tutorials, keynotes, challenge problem session, funding panel, cross-fertilization roundtable discussion, and a doctoral consortium.

Through a wide variety of events at the conference, participants had the opportunity to advance their scientific pursuits, as well as enhance science communication skills - providing all-round professional development.

Results Dissemination

The conference has produced a proceedings with Springer and a special issue in the Computational and Mathematical Organizational Theory. The proceedings is uploaded and the special issue will be shared as soon as it is published (in early Fall of 2018).

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