



Expression of Interest for hosting ACM-WE womENCourage Celebration

Submitting organization: ADA University
Azerbaijan ACM/ACM-W Chapter
Azerbaijan Tourism Board
11 Ahmad Bay Agha-Oglu Street,
Baku, Azerbaijan, AZ1008

Submission Date: 12 April 2019

Please send the completed form to steering_committee@amcwe.org by **15 April, 2019 23:59 AOE**.

1 The Conference Host

Contact details

Please provide the names and contact details (email) of the individuals who will be responsible for organising the event at your institution.

Mr. Fariz Ismayilzada, Executive Vice-rector, ADA University
Dr. Vafa Kazdal, Vice-rector for Academic Affairs, ADA University
Dr. Araz Yusubov, Dean of the School of IT and Engineering, ADA University

Institution and Department

Please describe briefly your institution and your department (max. 100 words).

ADA University (<https://www.ada.edu.az/>) was established under the presidential decree dated 13 January 2014. The University is the legal heir of the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA), founded on 6 March 2006, and the Information Technologies University. It is a state higher education institution engaging in the delivery of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in addition to the advancement of research.

The School of Information Technologies and Engineering (SITE) is the youngest school at ADA University. It was founded in 2013 with the vision to become a center of excellence in education and a hub of scientific research and discovery of global caliber in the region. Currently SITE offers three bachelor degree programs in Computer Science, Information Technology and Computer Engineering.

Experience with large events

Please indicate the prior conference hosting experience

ADA University hosted many large events such as annual ADA International Education Conference with the 4th Conference to be held from 19-20 June 2019, Rumsfeld Foundation's regional CAMCA Forum from 21-23 June 2018. We are also to host The 13th International Conference on Application of Information and Communication Technologies AICT2019 (<https://www.aict.info/>) from 23-25 October 2019

2 The Venue

Date for the conference

The preferred conference dates are **Wednesday, 25th September to Friday, 27th September, 2019 (possibly Wednesday, 23 September to Friday, 25 September 2020)**, with the expectation that most delegates would be arriving on 24th September. Would these dates be feasible and how would they fit into the academic year at your Institution (teaching week, non-teaching week etc.).

The dates look feasible, while 23-25 September 2020 must be a teaching week.

Conference venue

Please indicate possible venues for the conference, with links to online maps and web pages if appropriate.

ADA University campus (<https://www.ada.edu.az/en/about/campus>) facilities include Large Auditorium and many Study Rooms of different sizes. There are two more buildings to be ready by 2020. Additional venues may include the Heydar Aliyev Center for official ceremonies and Innoland for hackathon and workshops (<http://innoland.az/en>).

Travelling

Please explain the different travel options to the city/location of the event from other parts of Europe.

Baku's Heydar Aliyev International Airport is the main international gateway to the city. Baku Bus Airport Express takes you to 28 May metro station. From there, you will be able to take a subway train to Ganjlik metro station. ADA University campus is a short walk from Ganjlik metro station. Shuttle buses can be arranged for airport transfer and local transportation.

3 Accommodation

Hotels

Please provide a summary overview of hotels and guest houses in the vicinity of the suggested venue.

Boulevard Hotel Baku (<http://www.boulevardhotelbaku.com/en>) in 10 minutes of driving from ADA University campus is the hotel of choice for our guests.

Student residences and budget accommodation

Please indicate whether student residences are available and whether they are affordable. Are there other budget accommodation options available?

There are number of budget hotels and hostels for less than \$20 per night in the Ganjlik metro station area. Student accommodation and dormitory rooms can be also arranged subject to availability.

4 Event thematic focus

Main conference theme

Can you suggest a thematic focus for the Celebration and the slogan for the event?

Possible slogan would be “The equation has two sides”.

5 Organisation

Organizing committee members

Please describe briefly the focus and the quality of your organization and name of at least 4 organizing committee members (Full organizing committee normally includes: Programme Chair and Vice-chair, Poster Chair, Workshop Chair, Marketing Chair and Sponsorship/Supporter Chair, Career Fair Chair, and Hackathon Chair).

1. Dr. Vafa Kazdal, Vice-rector for Academic Affairs, ADA University
 2. Dr. Araz Yusubov, Dean of the School of IT and Engineering, ADA University
 3. Ms. Ulduz Khalilova, Head of Division for E-Systems Assessment, ‘ASAN Service’, Member of the Executive Council, Azerbaijan ACM/ACM-W Chapter
 4. Dr. Shafagat Mahmudova, Chief Engineer, Associate Professor, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Institute of Information Technologies
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Student participation and help

Would you be able to attract local students to the event? Would you be able to recruit students to assist with the event?

ADA University ACM Student Chapter is actively supporting many public events including annual Ada’s Legacy: ACM Celebration of Women in Computing, FIRST LEGO League national finals.

6 Showcasing your City

Your city and region

Please briefly describe the attractiveness of your city and region (max. 250 words plus web links).

Azerbaijan - European country located at a major international cross road of trade and culture between Europe and Asia. Baku is the capital and largest city of Azerbaijan, the metropolitan area has about 4 million inhabitants. It is also the largest city on the Caspian Sea with traces of human settlements lead back to the stone age. Average temperature in August-September is 26C with almost no rain.

Baku hosted major pan-European events such as 57th Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and Inaugural European Games in 2015. Main attractions include ancient sites from UNESCO World Heritage List such as the old city with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1519>), as well as modern architectural marvels such as the Heydar Aliyev Center that was designed by world-renowned architect, late Zaha Hadid (<http://heydaraliyevcenter.az/#main>).

This short video can provide the glimpse of Baku’s beauty with narration from English travel

writer Mark Elliott: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG0yZkyOxUU>

7 Fundraising

Sponsors – external

Please describe your prior experience in raising funds for similar events.

Please indicate the names of any possible external sponsors or other sources of funding (both institutional and corporate) that you expect to be able to contact for financial support or sponsorship-in-kind.

Our long-term company sponsors include, Coca-Cola (<http://www.coca-cola.az/>), PASHA Holding Group (<http://pasha-holding.az/>), Azercell (<https://www.azercell.com/>), Azerfon (<https://www.nar.az/>). Azerbaijan Tourism Board expressed their interest in closely supporting the bidding.

Partners

Please indicate the names of potential local partners (local or neighbouring think-tanks, institutions, publishers, etc.) that you could contact for any contributions and assistance (other than financial)

Potential local partners will include other major universities in Baku and relevant institutes of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences.

8 Further information

Further relevant information

Please summarise briefly any other relevant information you would like to communicate to ACM-WE Women Encourage Steering Committee.

ADA University has been hosting Ada's Legacy: ACM Celebration of Women in Computing since 2016 with growing program and participation. The event website is being updated: <https://azerbaijan.acm.org/ada-s-legacy/>
