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General Chairs' Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to CHI 2026 which is taking place for the first time on the Iberian Peninsula. And what better setting than the dynamic and inspiring city of Barcelona, renowned for its cultural richness, creativity and forward-looking spirit.

Our theme for CHI 2026 is “Creating Tomorrow Together” which is “Creant el demà junts” in Catalan and “Creando el mañana juntos” in Spanish. In a world shaped by rapid technological change, emerging global challenges, complex societal needs, and increased polarization, this theme invites us to reflect both on what the future will be and how we can collectively shape it through collaboration, care, and responsibility. By bringing together diverse perspectives, lived experiences, and global expertise, we aim to support research and design that address real human needs and empower communities to create a tomorrow with research and knowledge.

The theme builds on CHI's and Barcelona's tradition as a meeting ground for designers, researchers, and practitioners from a variety of cultures, disciplines, and sectors. It highlights the power of working at boundaries, where perspectives meet, and assumptions are challenged. Barcelona is the perfect backdrop for the conference with its blend of rich history, contemporary architecture, vibrant public spaces and dynamic innovation ecosystem.

We are pleased to present the technical content and extended program in a new format designed to enhance engagement and collaboration. Over five days, mornings retain the full depth of paper presentations, while afternoons and evenings are dedicated to many interactive tracks. We also have a new Student Mentoring Program, which grows the reach and capacity by including more Ph.D. students than ever before. Additionally, this year we introduce a Global Science Program, which is aimed at creating connections across geographical regions and research themes. We hope that you will find that the new format supports meaningful conversations, hands-on discussions, and lasting connections.

CHI 2026 would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and organizers who have devoted countless hours to shaping the conference. From program chairs and reviewers to student volunteers and local organizers, their collective commitment, attention to detail, and care have made it possible to create an exciting conference. We are equally grateful to our corporate sponsors and to the ACM, whose leadership and vision have sustained CHI for over four decades. Last but not least, thank you to all the authors!

We hope that your time at CHI 2026 sparks new ideas, finds meaningful collaborations, and strengthens the sense of community that defines CHI. May this year's conference be a place where partnerships form, conversations flourish, and ideas flow, and above all, where you have fun.

Welcome to Barcelona! Benvinguts i Benvingudes!

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