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### Track 6: Recommender Systems

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#### Introduction

Recommender systems represent a class of personalized systems that aim at predicting a user's interest on information items available in the application domain, operating upon user-driven ratings on items and/or item features. Recommender systems have proven very useful in several domains such as movies, news, and e-commerce product recommendation applications, including successful commercial systems.

The track aims to bring together academics and professionals in the field of recommender systems in order to discuss recent developments and future research directions. The track topics include:

- Recommender systems design
- Recommender systems interfaces
- Presentations and transparency of recommendations
- Recommendation algorithms
- Ensemble methods
- User modeling and user profiling
- Data mining methods for recommender systems
- Recommendation applications in emerging media

#### BIOS of track co-chairs

Dr. George Lekakos is an Assistant Professor in e-Business at the Department of Information and Communication Systems, University of the Aegean, Greece. He leads the Intelligent Media Lab (IML), which is a research group within the ELTRUN Research Center (<http://www.eltrun.gr>) at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Greece. He holds a BSc in Mathematics (University of Thessaloniki, Greece), M.Sc. in Formal Methods in Software Engineering (University of London, UK), and Ph.D. in Interactive Television (Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece). Dr. Lekakos' research is in the area of interactive television, recommender systems, and human-computer interaction. The past 10 years he has been working on several EU funded projects and he has published more than thirty-five papers in international journals and conferences. He is also co-editor of books and conference proceedings, and serves as editorial board member of international journals. He is member of the EuroiTV steering committee and the IFIP TC14 working group on interactive television (WG 14.6).

Dr. Samaras is currently a Professor at the University of Cyprus at the Computer Science department. He received a PhD and M.Sc. in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA, in 1982 and 1985 respectively. He obtained his B.Sc. degree in Mathematics at the University of Athens, Greece (1982). He was previously at IBM Research Triangle Park, USA and taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (adjunct Assistant Professor, 1990-93). He served as the lead architect of IBM's distributed commit architecture (1990-94) and co-authored the final publication of the architecture (IBM Book, SC31-8134-00, September 1994). He also served on IBM's internal international standards committees for issues related to distributed transaction processing (OSI/TP, XOPEN, OMG).