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### **SIGCHI Writing Workshop for Latin American Researchers**

This workshop was funded by SIGCHI and held during the Brazilian Symposium on Collaborative System and the Brazilian Symposium on Human Factors in Computer Systems from November 3rd to 5th. Raquel Prates and Cleidson de Souza were the main organizers, while the mentors were Pernille Bjorn, Dave McDonald, Dave Millen, and Gary Olson. Four Latin-American researchers were identified as leaders in their respective countries and were invited to participate in the workshop, namely Cesar Alberto Collazos from Colombia, Marcela Urrea from Mexico, and Valeria Herskovic and Jose Pino from Chile.

Workshop participants had to submit a 300-word abstract to participate in the workshop. We received 38 submissions from about 20 different institutions from Brazil and Latin America and had about 40 participants. In the first day of the workshop, mentors presented an overview of the SIGCHI conferences and the CSCW review process, in addition to answering general questions. They also used papers they believed are “good examples” of CSCW papers to illustrate different type of CSCW submissions including theoretical papers, qualitative papers, etc. In the second day, workshop participants could schedule 20-minute conversations with the mentors to talk about their work, get feedback, or discuss broader topics. Finally, in the last day, participants presented their work as posters to the mentors and had another chance to get feedback in their work. Mentors also provided written feedback to the authors through easychair. Overall, participants felt the workshop was really interactive and enjoyed the experience.

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