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**April 12-13, 2021**

**Virtual Conference**

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**ITNG 2021 PROGRAM**

**April 12, 2021 - MONDAY**

8:00 - 8:10: **Opening Remarks by Dr. Shahram Latifi**  
Conference Chair, University of Nevada Las Vegas

8:10 - 9:00: Keynote by **Dr. Jerzy Rozenblit, Professor, University of Arizona**  
**"Computer-assisted surgical training: simulation modeling based approach"**

9:00 - 9:15: **Q&A by Audience**

*PARALLEL SESSIONS:*

**A SESSIONS**

**SESSION MA1: AI & Robotics**

CHAIR: **Dr. Kashif Saleem, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Alex Redeí, Central Michigan University, USA**

09:15 - 11:15 (5,11,71,79,86,34)

09:15 - 09:35 Conceptualisation of breast cancer domain using ontology  
*Reshmy Krishnan, **KSherimon PC** and Menila James*

09:35 - 09:55 Traffic Light Control and Machine Learning - A systematic mapping review  
***Dimitrius Borges**, Edmilson, Moreira, Adler Diniz and João Paulo Leite*

09:55-10:15 Applications of Connecting a Quadcopter to a Flight Simulator for Human-in-the-Loop Autonomous Systems  
*Luke Rogers and **Alex Redeí***

- 10:15-10:35 COVID-19: The importance of artificial intelligence and digital health during a pandemic  
*Maximilian Espuny, José S. da Motta Reis, Gabriel M. Monteiro Diogo, Thalita L. Reis Campos, Vitor H. de Mello Santos, Ana C. Ferreira Costa, Gildarcio Sousa Gonçalves, Paulo M. Tasinaffo, **Luiz A. Vieira Dias**, Adilson M. da Cunha, Nilo A. de Souza Sampaio, Andréia M. Rodrigues and Otávio J. de Oliveira*
- 10:35-10:55 CropWaterNeed: A Machine learning approach for Smart Agriculture  
*Malek Fredj, **Rima Grati** and Khouloud Boukadi*
- 10:55-11:15 Machine Learning: Towards an Unified Classification Criteria  
*Clara Burbano, David Reveló, **Julio Mejía** and Daniel Soto Carabantes*

## **SESSION MA2: Cybersecurity I**

CHAIR: **Dr. Kashif Saleem, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia**

Co-CHAIR:

11:15 - 13:15 (62,22,14,66,30,21)

- 11:15-11:35 Classification and update proposal for modern computer worms, based on obfuscation  
***Hernaldo Salazar** and Cristian Barria*
- 11:35-11:55 Conceptual model of security variables in Wi-Fi wireless networks: Review  
***Lorena Galeazzi**, Cristian Barria and Julio Hurtado*
- 11:55-12:15 Cybersecurity analysis in nodes that work on the DICOM protocol, a case study  
*David Cordero and **Cristian Barria***
- 12:15-12:35 Hybrid Security Risk Assessment Model  
***Robert Banks**, Jim Jones, Noha Hazzazi, Pete Garcia and Russell Zimmermann*
- 12:35-12:55 Enriching Financial Software Requirements Concerning Privacy and Security Aspects: a semiotics based approach  
*Leonardo Manoel Mendes, Ferruccio De Franco Rosa and **Rodrigo Bonacin***
- 12:55-13:15 Efficient Design of Underwater Acoustic Sensor Networks Communication for Delay Sensitive Applications over Multi-hop  
***Ahmed Al Guqhaiman**, Oluwatobi Akanbi, Amer Aljaedi and C. Edward Chow*

13:15-14:00 Break

## **SESSION MA3: Cybersecurity II**

CHAIR: **Dr. Kashif Saleem, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia**

Co-CHAIR:

14:00 - 16:00 (32,38,46,50,54,65)

14:00-14:20 Parallelized C++ Implementation of a Merkle Tree  
*Andrew Flangas, Autumn Cuellar, Michael Reyes and **Frederick Harris***

14:20-14:40 A Study on Ontologies of Vulnerabilities and Attacks on VLAN  
***Marcio Cruz**, Ferrucio Rosa and Mario Jino*

14:40-15:00 Towards a symmetric crypto algorithm: The HAJ  
***Daniel Alarcón-Narváez** and Fausto Jacques*

15:00-15:20 A comparative study between two numerical methods for symmetric cryptography uses and applications  
***Alba Nidia Martínez** and Fausto Abraham Jacques-Garcia*

15:20-15:40 Speed up over the Rainbow  
*Nir Drucker and **Shay Gueron***

15:40-16:00 Extending a Hybrid Security Risk Assessment Model with CWSS  
***Robert Banks**, Jim Jones, Noha Hazzazi, Pete Garcia and Russell Zimmermann*

## **B SESSIONS**

### **SESSION MB1: E-Health**

CHAIR: **Dr. Hossein Zare, Johns Hopkins University, USA**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Sima Marzban, University of N. Carolina, USA**

9:15- 11:15 (82,23,26,60,77,88)

09:15 - 09:35 Identifying and prioritizing applications of Internet of Things in the supply chain of distribution and sale of health care products in Iran  
***Niloofer Aminikalibar** and Fatemeh Saghafi*

- 09:35 - 09:55 The Information Technology Role in Patient Engagement  
*Sima Marzban, Paul Meade, Marzie Najafi Berenje and Hossein Zare*
- 09:55-10:15 Ambient Intelligence Technologies to Assist People who are Visually Impaired to Live Better at Home: A Mapping Study  
*Juliana Damasio Oliveira, João Moraes Junior and Rafael Bordini*
- 10:15-10:35 Voice for the Voiceless: Developing a Low-Cost Open-Source Communication Device for the Speech Impaired  
*Travis Smith and Vasilios Pappademetriou*
- 10:35-10:55 Integration of bioinformatics and clinical data to Personalized Precision Medicine  
*Flavielle Blanco Marques, Gabriel Fernandes Leal, Giovani Nicolas Bettoni and Osmar Norberto de Souza*
- 10:55-11:15 Modeling the COVID-19 Epidemic in a Parallelized City Simulation  
*Derek Stratton, William Garner, Terra Williams and Frederick C. Harris*

## **SESSION MB2: Management & Applications**

CHAIR: **Dr. Wolfgang Bein, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Adler Diniz de Souza, Universidade Federal de Itajuba, Brazil**

- 11:15 - 13:15 (16,43,49,57,63,12)
- 11:15-11:35 Techniques and Tools for Selection and Strategic Alignment of Projects and Projects Portfolio Balancing: A Systematic Mapping  
*Djenane Cristina Silveira Dos Santos, Adler Diniz de Souza and Flávio Belizário da Silva Mota*
- 11:35-11:55 Methods for Detecting Fraud in Civil and Military Service Examinations: a systematic mapping  
*Roberto Paulo Moreira Nunes, Rodrigo Bonacin and Ferrucio de Franco Rosa (Pre-recorded)*
- 11:55-12:15 Citizens Engagement in Smart Cities: A Systematic Mapping Review.  
*Rafael Leite, Adler Diniz and Melise De Paula*
- 12:15-12:35 Use of crowdsourcing questionnaires to validate the requirements of an application for pet management  
*Vitor Silva Vidal, Marco Aurélio Moura Suriani, Rodrigo Aparecido da Silva Braga, Ana Carolina Oliveira Santos, Otávio Soares Silva and Roger Junio Campos*
- 12:35-12:55 Discovery of Real World Context Event Patterns for Smartphone Devices using Conditional Random Fields  
*Shraddha Piparia, Md Khorrom Khan and Renee Bryce*

12:55-13:15 Computation at the Edge with WebAssembly  
*Jebreel Alamari and Edward Chow*

13:15-14:00 Break

**SESSION MB3: Theory & Computation**

CHAIR: **Dr. Wolfgang Bein, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Doina Bein, California State University, Fullerton, USA**

14:00 - 16:00 (42, 48,64,67,**80**,58)

14:00-14:20 Effect of Boundary Approximation on Visibility  
*Laxmi Gewali and Samridhi Jha*

14:20-14:40 A Method for Improving Memory Efficiency of the Reachability Graph Generation Process in General Petri Nets  
*Kohei Fujimori and Katsumi Wasaki*

14:40-15:00 An Evaluation For Online Power Down Systems Using Piece-Wise Linear Strategies  
*James Andro-Vasko and Wolfgang Bein*

15:00-15:20 Mobile Test Suite Generation via Combinatorial Sequences  
*Ryan Michaels, Md Khorrom Khan and Renée Bryce*

15:20-15:40 Usability Smells: a Systematic Review  
*Jonathan de Oliveira Souza, Adler Diniz Souza, Leandro Guarino Vasconcelos and Laercio Baldochi*

15:40-16:00 Analysis Of Traffic Based On Signals Using Different Feature Inputs  
*Wolfgang Bein, Baby Shalini Ravilla and Yazmin Elizabet Martinez*

**April 13, 2021- Tuesday**

8:10 - 9:00: **Keynote by Professor Adrian A. Hopgood**  
**"Practical Artificial Intelligence using Complementary Techniques"**

9:00 - 9:15: **Q&A by Audience**

PARALLEL SESSIONS:

**A SESSIONS**

**SESSION TA1: High Performance Computing Architectures**

CHAIR: **Dr. Poonam Dharam, Saginaw Valley State University, USA**  
Co-CHAIR: **Yun Tian, Eastern Washington University, USA**

9:15 – 11:15 (61,25,35,44, 59,68)

09:15 - 09:35 Motivating Computer Science Students in Lower-division Undergraduate Curriculum  
**Yun Tian**, Uri Rogers, Saqer Alhloul, Fangyang Shen and Yanqing Ji

09:35 - 09:55 Evaluation of Power Consumption and Application Optimization for Adaptive-Ticks Feature in Linux Kernel  
**Abdullah Aljuhni**, Shaji Yusuf, C. Edward Chow, Oluwatobi Akanbi and Amer Aljaedi

09:55-10:15 Sequence alignment algorithms in hardware implementation: A systematic mapping of the literature  
Bragança **Lucas de Sá Moreira Bragança**, Souza Adler Diniz De, Rodrigo Aparecido da Silva Braga, Marco Aurélio Moura Suriani and Rodrigo Moreira Carvalho Dias

10:15-10:35 Hardware Logic Library and High-level Logic Synthesizer Combining LOTOS and A Functional Programming Language  
**Katsumi Wasaki**

10:35-10:55 GPU Acceleration of Sparse Neural Networks  
Aavaas Gajurel, Sushil Louis, Rui Wu, Lee Barford and **Frederick Harris**

10:55-11:15 Parallelizing the Slant Stack Transform with CUDA  
Dustin Barnes, Andrew McIntyre, Sui Cheung, John Louie, Emily Hand and **Frederick Harris**

## **SESSION TA2: Social Computing/E-Learning**

CHAIR: **Dr. Poonam Dharam, Saginaw Valley State University, USA**  
Co-CHAIR:

11:15 - 13:15 (10,15,20,33,6,28)

11:15-11:35 Recommender System Evaluator: a Framework for Evaluating the Performance of Recommender Systems  
**Paulo Vicente Gomes dos Santos**, Bruno Guazzelli Batista, Dionisio Machado Leite Filho, Maycon Leone Maciel Peixoto, Stephan Reiff-Marganiec, Bruno Tardiole Kuehne and Edmilson Marmo Moreira

11:35-11:55 Visualization of Georeferenced Data Through the Web: A Systematic Literature Review

Lucas Lamounier Gonçalves Duarte and **Adler Diniz de Souza**

- 11:55-12:15 Cognitive Issues in Intelligent Modeling of Pedagogical Tasks  
**Marina Lapenok**, Anna Lozinskaya and Vasilisa Likhacheva
- 12:15-12:35 Immersive virtual reality and its use in developing empathy in undergraduate students  
**Éder Estrada Villalba** and Fausto Abraham Jacques-García
- 12:35-12:55 E-NEST Remote Learning Transition in STEM Education  
**Fangyang Shen** and Janine Roccasalvo
- 12:55-13:15 Ethics and human values in the Software Design  
Alejandra Acuña, Cesar A. Collazos and **Cristian Barría Huidobro**
- 13:15-14:00 **Break**

### **SESSION TA3: Pandemic**

CHAIR: **Dr. Hossein Zare, Johns Hopkins University, USA**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Poonam Dharam, Saginaw Valley State University, USA**

- 14:00 - 15:20 (8,45,78,87)
- 14:00-14:20 Using UAV, IoMT and AI for Monitoring and Supplying of COVID-19 Patients  
**Alexandre Ramos**, Pedro Hokama and Antonio Dantas
- 14:25-14:40 A comprehensive analysis of SARS-CoV-2 in India: Modeling, Prediction and Vaccination  
**Debdeep Dey**, Sarangi Patel, Tharun Kumar Reddy Karasani and Siddharth Sen
- 14:40-15:00 Virtual Hospital: a system for remote monitoring of patients with COVID-19  
Vanessa Stangherlin Machado Paixão-Cortes, **Walter Ritzel Paixão-Cortes**, Dorval Thomaz, Felipe de Siqueira Zanella, Gerson Luis da Silva Laureano and Ricardo Luis Ravazzolo
- 15:00-15:20 Single-cell RNA sequencing data imputation using deep neural network  
Duc Tran, Hung Nguyen, Bang Tran, **Frederick Harris**, Nam Vo and Tin Nguyen

### **SESSION TA4: Blockchain Technology**

CHAIR: **Dr. Doina Bein, California State University, Fullerton, USA**

- 15:20 - 16:20 (13,73,83)  
15:20-15:40 Blockchain and IoT: a systematic literature review for access control issues  
*Andre Mury Carvalho, Bruno G. Batista and Adler D. Souza*
- 15:40-16:00 A Bitcoin Wallet Security System (BWSS)  
*Ibrahim Alkhamash and **Waleed Halboob***
- 16:00- 16:20 Disruptive Technologies for Disruptive Innovations: Challenges and Opportunities  
***Amjad Gawanmeh** and Jamal N. Al-Karaki*

**Session TA5: Conference Concluding Remarks (Dr. Shahram Latifi)**

- 16:20-17:00 (2020 Awardees and Recognitions, ITNG 2022)

**B SESSIONS**

**SESSION TB1: Biometrics, Pattern Recognition and Classification**

CHAIR: **Dr. Doina Bein, California State University, Fullerton, USA**

Co-CHAIR:

- 9:15-11:15 (72,51,76,70,84,85)

- 09:15 - 09:35 Framework For Securing Automatic Meter Reading Using Blockchain Technology  
***Esraa Mahmoud** and Radwan Tahboub*
- 09:35 - 09:55 Using Machine Learning to Process Filters and Mimic Instant Camera Effect  
*Deirdre Chong, John Hanifzai, Hassan Adam, **Jorge Garcia** and Jorge Fonseca Cacho*
- 09:55-10:15 Benchmarking Accuracy and Precision of the Convolutional Neural Networks for Face Recognition on Makeup and Occluded Images  
***Stanislav Selitskiy**, Nikolaos Christou and Natalya Selitskaya*
- 10:15-10:35 Combined Classification Models Applied to People Personality Identification  
*Flávio B. S. Mota, **Melise. M. V. de Paula** and Isabela N. Drummond*
- 10:35-10:55 A Health Detection Model based on Facial Data  
***Sunil Manzoor***
- 10:55-11:15 Performance Comparison of Algorithms Involving Automatic Learned Features and Hand-Crafted Features in Computer Vision  
***Rocky Gonzazles***



**SESSION TB2: Data Sciences**

CHAIR: **Dr. Doina Bein, California State University, Fullerton, USA**

Co-CHAIR: **Dr. Wolfgang Bein, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA**

11:15-13:15 (3,18,24,27,39,40)

11:15-11:35 Big Data Analytics in Social Media: A triple T (Types, Techniques, and Taxonomy) study  
**Md. Saifur Rahman** and Hassan Reza

11:35-11:55 CARS: A Containerized Amazon Recommender System  
*Adam Cassell, Andrew Munoz, Brianna Blain-Castelli, Nikkolas Irwin, Feng Yan, Sergiu Dascalu and **Frederick Harris***

11:55-12:15 Using Technologies to Uncover Patterns in Human Trafficking  
**Annamaria Szakonyi**, Harshini Chellasamy, Andreas Vassilakos and Maurice Dawson

12:15-12:35 Data-driven Identification of Pedagogical and Curricular Factors Conducive to Student Satisfaction  
**Laura Sorto**, **Sourav Mukherjee** and Vasudevan Janarthanan

12:35-12:55 An Information Quality Framework for College and University Websites  
**Joseph Elliot** and Daniel Berleant

12:55-13:15 An Agile MDD Method for Web Applications with Modeling Language  
**Breno Romano** and Adilson Cunha

13:15- 14:00 **Break**

**At 14:00, please join Session A.**

**Conference Conclusion**

**End of Schedule.....**