Call for proposals to host NetSci X 2020

NetSci X is the Network Science Society's Winter meeting which is a 3-day event to include a School, Conference, Parallel Talks and Poster Sessions. (Satellites events are not included). NetSci X is relatively new, for reference see:

- NetSci X 2017, http://www.netscix2017.com/
- NetSci X 2018, http://www.netscix2018.net/
- NetSci X 2019, http://netscix.net/

If you would like to host a NetSci X event, please submit a 3-4 page proposal addressing the points below. This should be submitted as a pdf via email to the NetSci Conference Committee Co-chairs, Sune Lehmann and Ann McCranie at NetSciConferences@gmail.com. The deadline is December 15, 2018. The Society Board will be reviewing proposals with an aim to have a decision announced by mid January 2018.

- Why did you choose your location, i.e. what's special about the city and why will people wish to visit? Do add some pictures of the location being sure the pictures reflect the time of year/month the event will take place.
- Discuss the proposed venue location(s) for the School and Conference (we do realize at this moment the location will not be reserved). Be sure that your venue can provide the meeting space and technology necessary. Be sure to include addresses and website links. NetSci X 2015 attracted 140 participants, NetSci X 2016 attracted 200 participants, and NetSci X 2017 attracted 250 participants. NetSciX 2018 pulled in over 600, but that might be an outlier.
- Please indicate potential hotels, including one that highlights the location and one inexpensive option to ensure students and scientist with limited funds can attend.
- Tell us the plans you and co-organizers have to garner funding and sponsorships.
- Please include your plans for student support, including awards at the poster session and for oral presentations.
- Explain what website support you will have, this includes the registration portion. Registration portals that allow for customized questions (such as which satellites a participant wishes to participate in) will be critical for your event planning. In addition, consider that many participants will pay for their registration via invoice to their institution or through international credit card or wire transfer. You must allow for this payment option.
- Although not necessary for this proposal, feel free to line up your co-organizing leads especially for the Schools, Satellites, Program Chairs for contributed talks, and Sponsorships.

Other considerations:
- NetSci X is a self-funded conference. You will be responsible for the costs of the conference as a hosting group, and will be expected to return Society fees to the

Network Science Society when it is finished (see below for details). If you would like to see a previous conference budget to get a sense of what is entailed, NetSci 2017 Indianapolis organizer Ann McCranie will provide you that conference budget based off locating in a large hotel.

- If necessary, the Network Science Society will loan support for down payments for hotels, the dinner banquet and venues. Be advised that all funds will need to be returned after the completion of the conference.
- Registration fees are set by the local host, but should be in line with previous years.
- As of now, Society membership fees are collected by the local host through registration. The Society expects to receive $50 USD per paid faculty or commercial participant, $35 for paid post-doc, and $25 for paid graduate student registrant. Please consider this direct cost in budgeting.
- Plan to provide a comped registration fee for the Society President, who travels at largely his/her own expense to both NetSci and NetSci-X every year. Other than the Society president, there is no requirement to "comp" registration fees, travel, or hotel costs for any particular speaker or organizers. Previous plenary speakers have sometimes been offered two or three nights lodging, comped registration fees, and $500 toward travel, but they have sometimes been only offered waived registration and hotel lodging. Satellites have been offered one comped registration or additional comped registrations based on early registration. You will want to consider exactly who you plan to comp registration, banquet tickets, and support travel for in your budget before you set your registration fees.
- Past conferences have offered coffee/beverage breaks of substantial length (2 or three a day at 30 minutes each) to allow participants time to informally talk.
- Some conferences have provided meals, particularly if their venue was not accessible to restaurants for quick service. You could opt to provide these either to everyone or à la carte in the registration process if you feel it is appropriate.
- It is required that you provide the registration list of all registered participants at the end of the conference. Email addresses are crucial for continued announcements and contact information is important to understand the growth of the society and its diversity of participants.
- Be aware you will need to provide many attendees with invitation letters so they may obtain travel visas or support from their institutions.
- We encourage the organizers to consider a variety of plenary (keynote and invited) speakers from a range of topic areas and background, with preference to speakers who have not spoken at previous NetSci conferences. You will need to consult with the president of the Network Science Society before issuing invitations for plenary speakers. You do not need to develop this list at the proposal stage.

Many thanks for your willingness to consider hosting NetSci X and for helping forge the next directions for research in Network Science!