Title: Student support for UMAP 2017
Conference: User Modelling, Adaptation and Personalization 2017 (9-12 July 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia)
Subject matter: SIGCHI Conference Development Funds to support international student speakers to attend the conference
Funding: $4562
Expense details: Doctoral international students travel costs - $4562
People (student support co-chairs): David Chin, Michal Kompan
Further comments: The SIGCHI Conference Development Funds awarded to UMAP 2018 were used to support international students with insufficient funds to attend the conference. All applications were subject to a review process, requiring a recommendation letter from the supervisor and/or the department, an accepted paper, and documentation of financial resources and needs. In total (with other funds) UMAP 2017 student support was granted to 39 international students (34 Phd, 5 Master students). All of them were actively involved in presentations (including the main conference, doctoral symposium and workshops). This greatly benefited the conference atmosphere with ideas and viewpoints from fresh young researchers. UMAP hosted top world-class researches from the user modelling, recommender systems, intelligent tutoring systems, and other related disciplines, providing attendees the opportunity to learn from each other and hold fruitful discussions.
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