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Welcome to the 23rd annual ACM Interaction Design and Children Conference (IDC) held in Delft, the Netherlands, June 17-20, 2024. IDC is the premier international conference for researchers, educators and practitioners to share the latest research, methodologies and technologies in the areas of child-centered design, learning, and interaction. IDC'24 is hosted by the Delft University of Technology, University of Twente, University of Amsterdam, and Eindhoven University of Technology, all based in the Netherlands.

Theme: Inclusive Happiness

In 2020, UNICEF described children in the Netherlands as being among the world's happiest. That, of course, is a beautiful position. However, in the Netherlands, as in the rest of the world, there are also wide variations in happiness across groups.

Children are happy on average, but some children are happier than others. How can the IDC community help make children happier, not only for the happy few but for all the children worldwide?

About the Program

IDC is a welcoming community of mixed perspectives. Our organizing committee is composed of 32 members who provide a diverse set of voices representing junior and senior members from academic and industry institutions worldwide.

Putting this conference together is an extraordinary undertaking. Certainly, a team effort that would not be possible without the contributions of people who volunteer their time every year to make this community so meaningful to so many of us. This is why we want to start by sincerely thanking all the organizing committee members for their generous service to IDC 2024.

The technical program curated for 2024 captures the strength and breadth of the field. This year, led by the respective track chairs, 29 associate chairs coordinated three external reviews each, for 145 paper submissions (101 full papers, 37 short papers, and 7 pictorials) and provided meta-reviews for each submission. Through this process we accepted 34 full papers, 8 short papers, and 4 pictorial contributions, resulting in a 32% acceptance rate.

Inviting the IDC community to reflect, the program includes two keynote addresses: The first one is entitled "Beyond the Research – Children as Designers in an Array of Global Contexts" by Emer Beamer (Designathon Works); followed by "Reimagining Participatory Design-Building sustainable futures with CCI research" by Ole Sejer Iversen (Aarhus University).

Focusing on the latest ideas and ongoing projects, the program includes 56 work-in-progress poster presentations, 6 demo presentations, in addition to 3 research & design challenge

finalists. We thank all the children from across the globe who participated in our Research and Design Challenge.

Continuing to nurture the next generation, we have 8 doctoral consortium presentations. To prompt discussions among the community for emerging topics, we have 8 workshops (on June 17). Furthermore, the 2nd edition of the Learning, Design & Technology Symposium will take place on June 21 in conjunction with IDC.

We envision IDC 2024 as a forum for learning, facilitating interesting discussions, and continuing to build community. With that in mind, we have allocated plenty of opportunities throughout the conference to further connect as a community.

We are grateful to our sponsors whose generous contributions have helped make this conference a success; and, finally, we thank the 16 student volunteers for their support of this event.

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General Chairs

Cristina Sylla and Sofia Papavlasopoulou
Technical Program Chairs