

Call for Papers  
SPIRE 2004 – 11th Symposium on  
String Processing and Information Retrieval

Padova, Italy – October 5–8, 2004

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### General

The Eleventh Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval will be held at the University of Padova, Italy as part of Dialogues 2004. This is a concerted series of conferences and satellite meetings fostering exchange and integration in the modeling, design and implementation of advanced tools for the representation, encoding, storage, search, retrieval and discovery of information and knowledge.

SPIRE has its origins in the South American Workshop on String Processing which was first held in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in 1993. Starting in 1998, the focus of the symposium was broadened to include the area of information retrieval due to the common emphasis on information processing.

Papers are solicited representing original contribution to the areas of the Symposium, which includes: string pattern searching, matching and discovery; data compression; text and data mining; machine learning; tasks, methods, algorithms, media, and evaluation in information retrieval; digital libraries; applications to and interactions with domains such as genome analysis, speech and natural language processing, web links and communities, multilingual data.

The proceedings of SPIRE 2004 will be published in the Springer-Verlag Lecture Notes in Computer Science series. Publication of selected papers in a special issue of an international journal is also being considered.

### Location

Padova (<http://www.apt.padova.it/>) is a pleasant historical city, home to one of the oldest and most prestigious Universities in Europe. Now little more than 400 years ago, Galileo, came here as a Professor of Mathematics to spend, in his own words, “the 18 best years of my entire age”. Venice is only 15 miles away, connected by frequent buses and trains. Bologna or Verona, Florence or Milan, Rome or Turin, are conveniently reached by train in one, two or four hours, respectively.

### Submission

Papers should be submitted electronically, using the links provided at the Symposium Web page. Each paper must not exceed 5000 words or 12 pages in the Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science series format (highly encouraged) available at <http://www.springer.de/comp/lncs/authors.html>

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### Important Dates

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Authors notification: June 30, 2004  
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