

Technology and Deaf Education
Exploring Instructional and Access Technologies
An International Symposium
June 21-23, 2010

National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester Institute of Technology

<http://www.rit.edu/ntid/vp/techsym>

Call for Papers

Goal of Symposium

The Symposium will disseminate information relative to current innovation and future developments in the use of instructional technology and educational media to support the teaching/learning process. It will provide a forum for the presentation of current state-of-the-art practice and research for educators of the deaf and hard-of-hearing at levels ranging from pre-school through postsecondary settings.

Program

The program will feature a plenary address, concurrent presentations, poster sessions, exhibitors, and numerous social opportunities to facilitate the sharing of information and ideas.

Call for Papers

Prospective presenters are invited to submit proposals for concurrent and/or poster program sessions. Each presentation should address one or more of the four major program strands: Using Technology to Support Learning, Assessing the Impact of Technology, Access Technology, and Online Learning. Each presentation should have a practical implication either for direct instruction or in support of educational services to deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Where feasible, demonstrations of technology applications are encouraged. Concurrent presentations should be no longer than 30 minutes. An additional 10 minutes will be reserved for questions and comments. Four concurrent sessions are planned to occur simultaneously. English is the official language of the Symposium. Sign language interpreting and real-time captioning will be provided for all plenary and concurrent presentation sessions.

Poster presentations provide an opportunity to interact directly with other participants and to demonstrate innovative applications of educational technologies used to support deaf and hard-of-hearing learners.

Program Strands

Symposium presentations/sessions will be divided into four strands. Proposals should address one or more of the program strands outlined below (proposals addressing other topics within these program strands are welcome).

Using Technology to Support Learning

- ❖ Individualizing Teaching/Learning Activities Using Technology
- ❖ Instructional Materials Development
- ❖ Adapting Materials for Use with Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Students

Assessing the Impact of Technology in the Teaching/Learning Process

- ❖ Impact of Technology Utilization on Learning Outcomes, Learner Behaviors and Attitudes
- ❖ Impact of Technology Utilization on Teaching Behaviors and Attitudes
- ❖ Challenges and Solutions for Assessing the Impact of Technology on the Teaching/Learning Process

Access Technology

- ❖ Classroom Access Technologies (notetaking, captioning, text display systems, user interface)
- ❖ Mobile Technologies (wireless, cellular, messaging, personal digital assistants)
- ❖ Audio and Sound Technologies of Interest to Hard-of-Hearing Persons

Online Learning

- ❖ Using Videoconferencing to Support Teaching/Learning
- ❖ Using the World Wide Web and Other Online Technology in the Classroom
- ❖ Sharing Instructional Resources Across Remote Sites
- ❖ Building a Community of Learners Across Remote Sites

Proposal Submission Instructions

The Proposal Form is accessed at the Symposium Web site. It is an Adobe Acrobat (PDF) form that is to be completed online.

- You must submit your proposal online at: <http://www.pen.ntid.rit.edu/techsym2010/proposal.pdf>.
- Once you begin the process of submission you must finish it – you cannot save and go back.
- A reference copy of the Online Proposal Form can be downloaded to assist in the preparation process for submitting an online proposal. It may be convenient to prepare sections of a proposal in a word processor before going online, and then paste them into the online form. Download the reference copy of the proposal form at: <http://www.pen.ntid.rit.edu/techsym2010/proposalreference.pdf>.
- Mac users must use Safari as the browser to successfully complete the form.
- Print a copy of your proposal before submitting it.
- There is only one field for City, State and Zip Code information for co-presenters.
- You will receive an email confirming your submission.

If you are submitting more than one proposal, submit each proposal separately. Include the coordinating presenter's name and title of the proposal in the body of the email. Please keep a copy of your proposal. You will receive confirmation from the Symposium office that your proposal arrived successfully. If you do not receive confirmation within seven working days, contact the Symposium Office at techsym@rit.edu.

Timeline for Submitting a Proposal

February 8, 2010	Program proposals Due
March 29, 2010	Notification of Acceptance
May 17, 2010	Papers for proceedings must be submitted via email to techsym@rit.edu
May 17, 2010	Deadline for Early Registration

Selection Process

A blind review process will be used to review and select proposals. Three readers will review each proposal and submit recommendations and comments to the Program Chair. The following criteria will be used in rating proposals:

Content: *Does the proposal indicate either state-of-the-art application of technology to instruction or original research? Is relevance to the support of deaf/hard-of-hearing learners clearly communicated?*

Form: *Are the purpose and intended audience of the presentation clearly communicated?*

Author Agreement

Submitted presentations should not be from previously published or presented papers. All presenters are expected to register for and attend the Symposium and present at the Symposium at the scheduled time. Authors additionally agree to submit a copy of their paper for inclusion in the Symposium Proceedings, which will be published on the Symposium Web site (and possibly in future print and non-printed documents that will be disseminated freely to interested parties). It is also understood that by agreeing to present at the Symposium, authors have given their permission to be recorded and that their image may be used in the Symposium Proceedings and other promotional materials.

Submitting an Accepted Paper for the Symposium Proceedings

Authors of accepted papers (either concurrent presentations or poster sessions) are expected to write and submit a paper for inclusion on the Symposium Web site. These papers assure the wide dissemination of the topics presented at the Symposium and additionally assist the sign language interpreters and real-time captioning specialists in preparing to support scheduled presentations. See specific requirements for preparing papers below.

Papers (for both accepted concurrent presentations and poster sessions) are to be submitted to the Symposium, by email attachment, to the Symposium Email account at techsym@rit.edu, by May 17, 2010. The subject line of the email and the file name of the attached document must include the last name of the coordinating presenter and the assigned session number for the presentation or poster. Microsoft Word should be used for the computer file, with the overall length of the paper not to exceed 12 pages, which may include graphics. Use single columns, 12-point Times font with single spacing, left and right margins set to 0.90", top and bottom margins set to 1.00". Refer to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* for additional assistance.

All Conference Materials Available on the Web

Use the Technology Symposium Web site (<http://www.rit.edu/ntid/vp/techsym>) to learn more about the Symposium and to access the Call for Papers, Online Proposal Form, and Registration materials. See the contact information below for questions regarding the Symposium.

Symposium Registration and Accommodations

Registration materials and hotel information will be posted on the Symposium Web site in early February 2010. Symposium registration is \$325 (early registration by May 17, 2010 is \$275, \$160 for students) and the hotel is approximately \$100 per day. An announcement regarding the availability of these forms will be sent to all those who have requested Symposium information.

To request Symposium information, visit <http://www.rit.edu/ntid/vp/techsym/> and click on “**Send Me Information**” link. Complete the brief form and you will receive all Symposium information and materials as they become available.

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Submission Deadline ~ Monday, February 8, 2010