

# **2008 Southern California Linux Expo (SCALE) Women in Open Source Call for Papers February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

The Southern California Linux Expo is proud to announce their **Second Women in Open Source Conference**. The conference will be held on February 8th, 2008 at the Westin Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport.

Widespread acceptance and participation by the user community has established SCALE as a premiere Open Source conference in the Southwest. 2008 marks the sixth year that SCALE has been engaging and inspiring the open source community. Our event is uniquely community-based and attracts a wide variety of sponsors, non-profit groups, user groups, and attendees.

Continuing our efforts to encourage women of all ages to be a part of the free and open source community, we invite you to showcase your work on Free and Open Source projects. Join us in sharing recent free and open source accomplishments, success stories, and advancements. Past attendees at this event have included women in technology, teachers, and parents of young girls.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Free and Open Source Development
  - Kernel Internals and Enhancements
  - Unix variants: Tools and Appliances
  - Application development
- User Experience
  - Desktop Operating Systems
  - Tools for Multimedia
  - Free and Open Source Games
- Free Software and Open Source Advocacy
  - Encouraging women to be involved in the community
  - How to expose younger girls to

The proposals should be submitted in the form of a 1-page extended abstract comprising:

1. Title of talk
2. Name, affiliation, short biography, a passport size picture and contact email address of the presenter (needed for publishing on the website and event program schedule)

3. What will be covered? A list or a brief description of the main points to be presented should be submitted. Please include enough detail to allow the committee to evaluate the proposal.
4. Please notify us if the presentation will require a special technical set-up. The standard setup provided will include:
  - microphone
  - overhead projector (resolution 1024x768)
  - a laptop running Linux with a pdf viewer as well as OpenOffice

Submission formats in *txt* and *pdf* will be accepted. Presentations will be allotted a time slot of about 45 minutes. As we are attempting to increase open source awareness it is highly desirable that presentations must be done in open non-proprietary format. All proposals are to be sent to [gareth@socallinuxexpo.org](mailto:gareth@socallinuxexpo.org).

### **Important Dates**

18 Aug, 2007: CFP Opens

30 Nov, 2007: Deadline for abstracts/proposals submissions

20 Dec, 2007: Last date for notification of acceptance

8 Feb, 2008: Conference starts