Discussion Forum at CG Week 2025

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- Ideas, opinions and arguments can always be expressed later by e-mail to the Steering Committee

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Two main topics – agenda

1. CG Week in the USA in 2026   10-15 minutes

2. Applied papers at CG Week/SoCG and a 2nd track   30 minutes
   including:
   - Quick summary of Task Force by Sandor Fekete
   - Proposal by Bettina Speckmann

3. Open floor: any observations or comments (very limited discussion)
                                              10 minutes

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Straw poll: Because of the situation in the USA, supposing I want to attend:
1. I will attend in person
2. I will only do hybrid attendance
3. I will not attend at all

CG Week and applied papers

- Last year, the community voted to start a task force, which met this past year to consider options and draft recommendations
- Members:
  - Erin Chambers
  - Danny Halperin
  - Sandor Fekete
  - Jeff Phillips
  - Monique Teillund
  - Hubert Wagner
- The result was a recommendation and accompanying report, which was emailed to the community

Results of the vote

- 42 votes for option 1: Keep SoCG single track and single PC, and work to address concerns within the current model, e.g. by strengthening and enforcing reviewing based on paper types.

- 132 votes for option 2: Move ahead to implement a second track "B", for "applied" and "implementation" papers, broadly defined, in the general spirit of the recommendation of the task force report, with exact details of its implementation subject to further discussion within the community.

- 6 votes for option 3: I do not like either option.

Some concerns raised

- We thank all who sent detailed feedback and concerns

- Much feedback focused on the need to clearly articulate expectations for this new track, to enable strong contributions and quality reviews

- One issue in particular got several comments: papers which fall "in between" the two tracks, which perhaps contain theorems but also implement or apply the results

Open floor

- Observations or comments from the audience?