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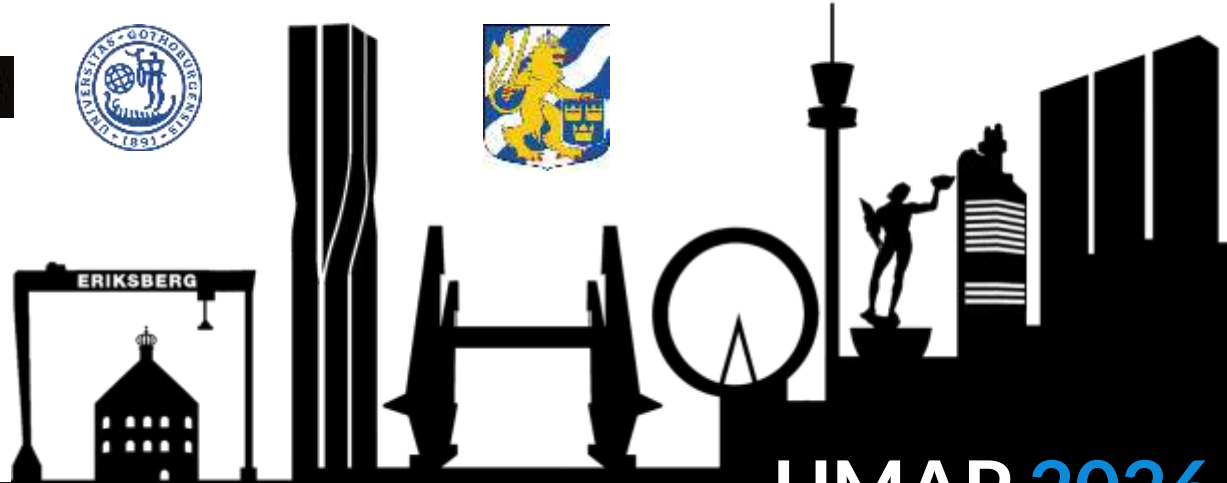
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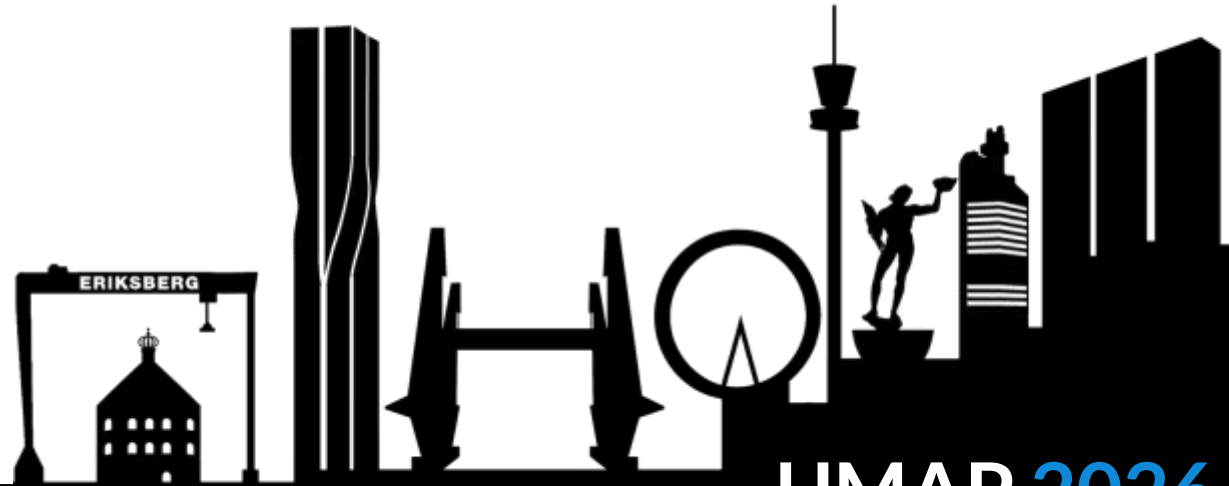
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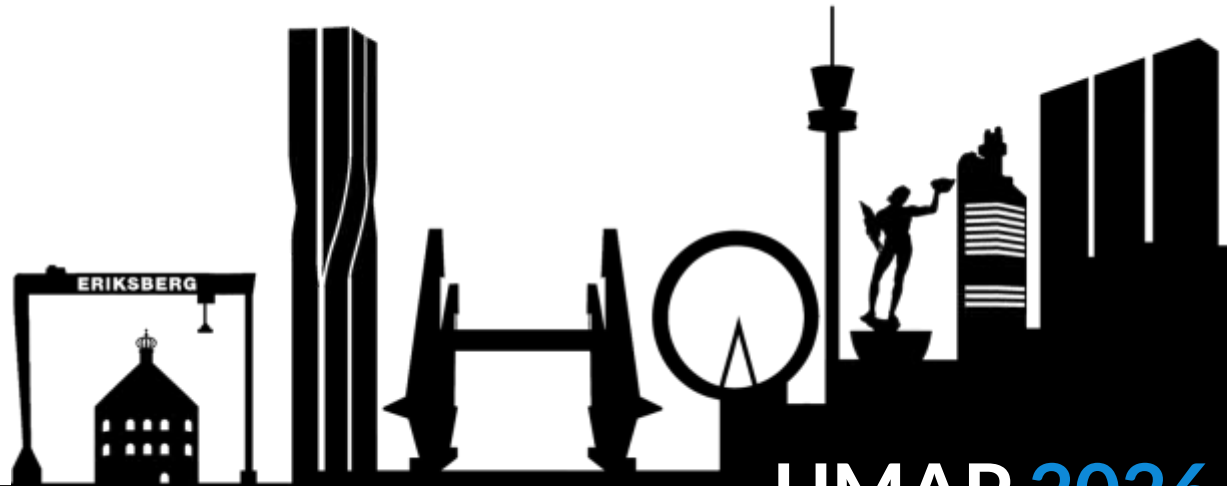
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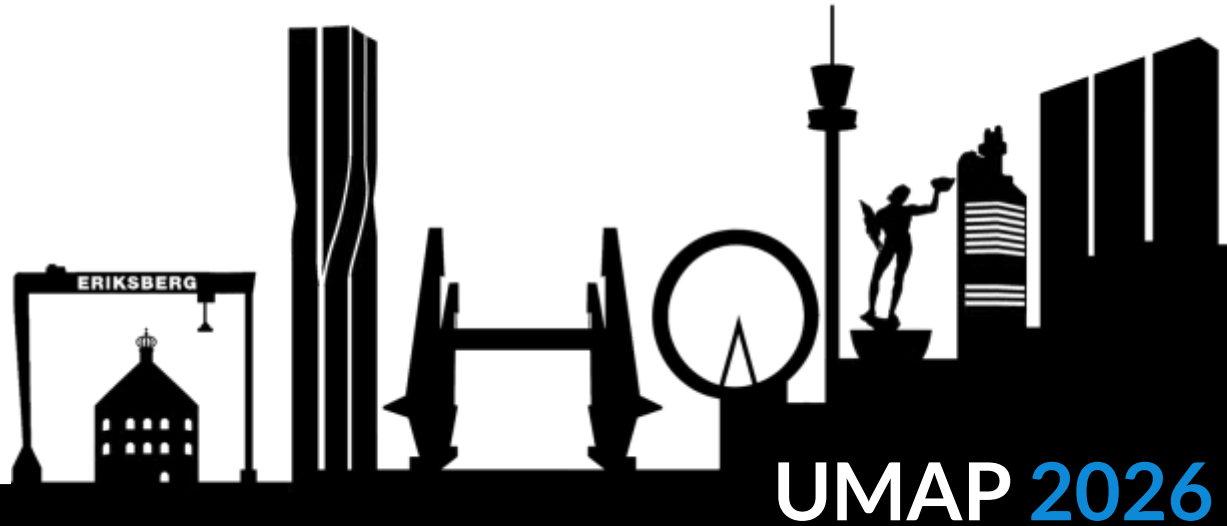
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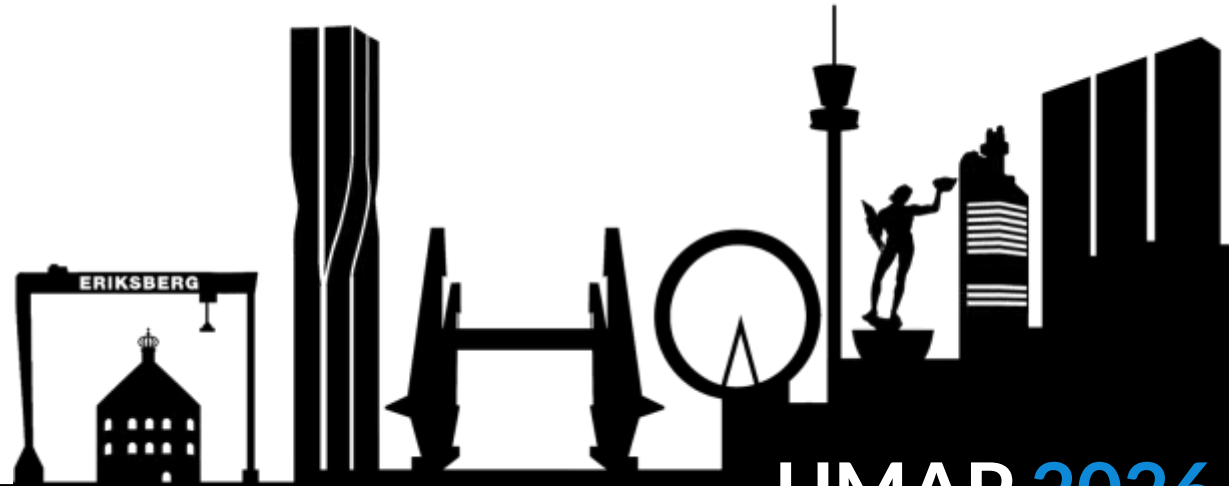


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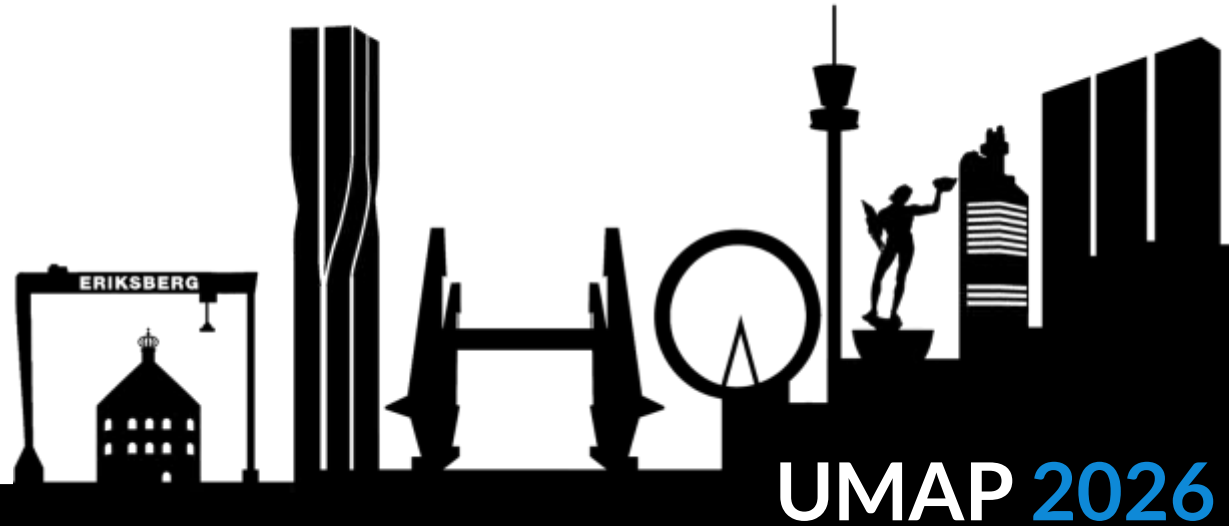


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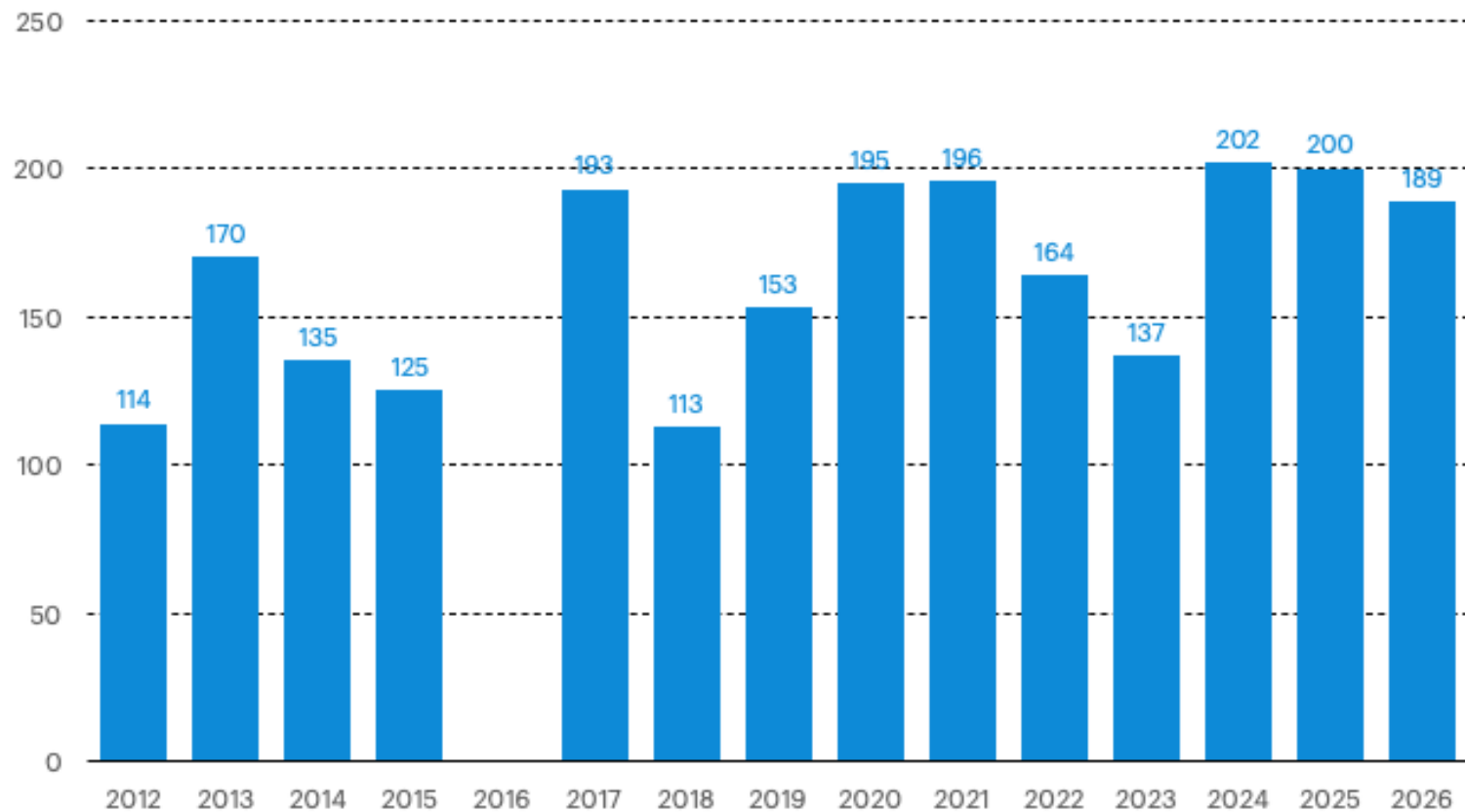
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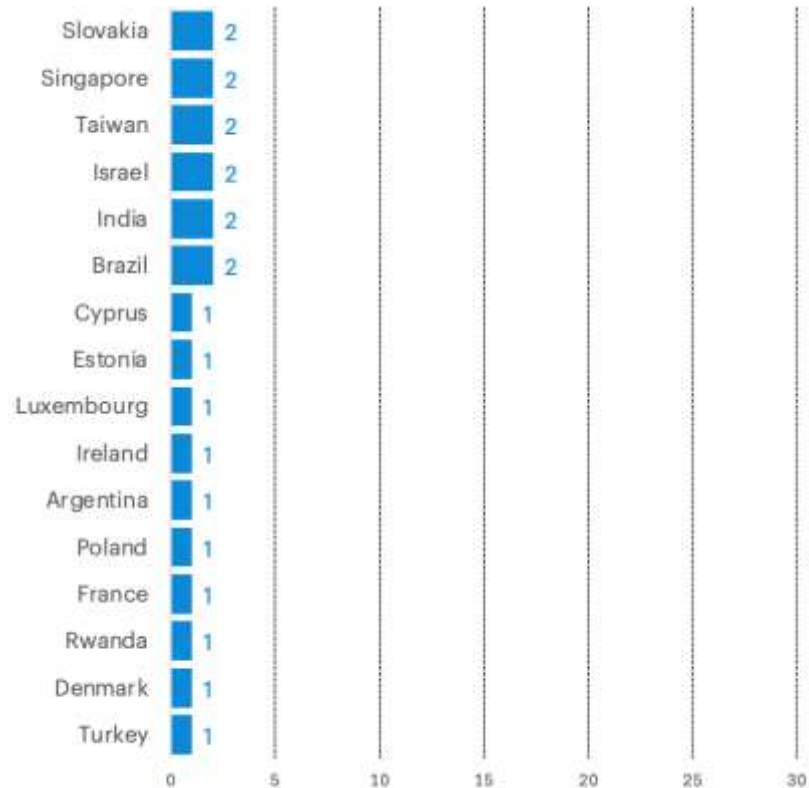
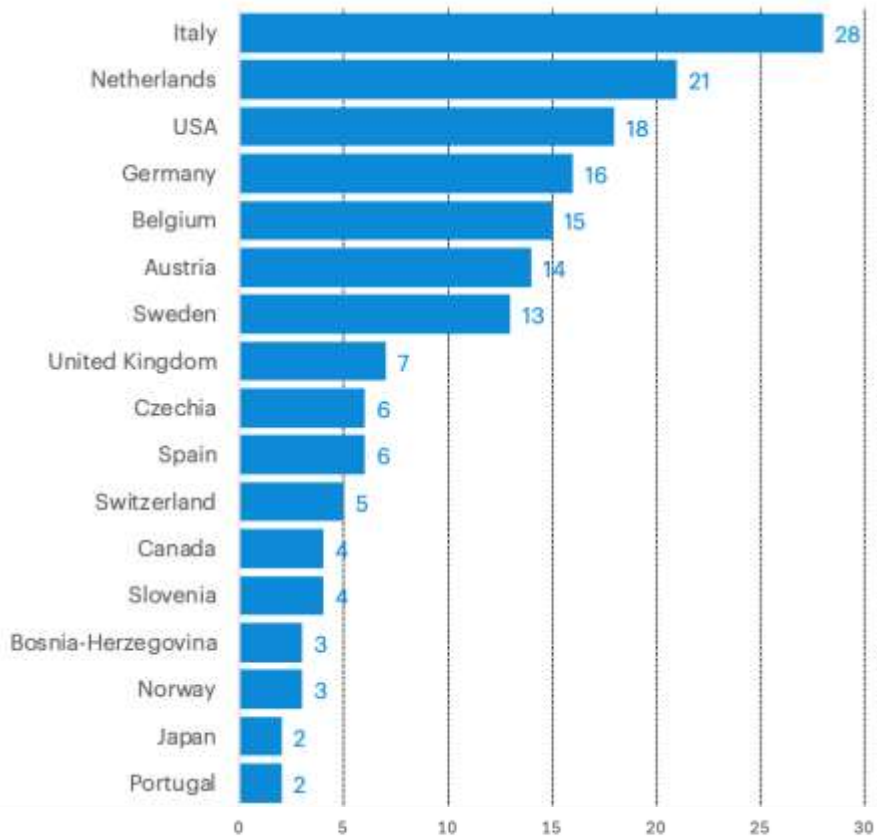


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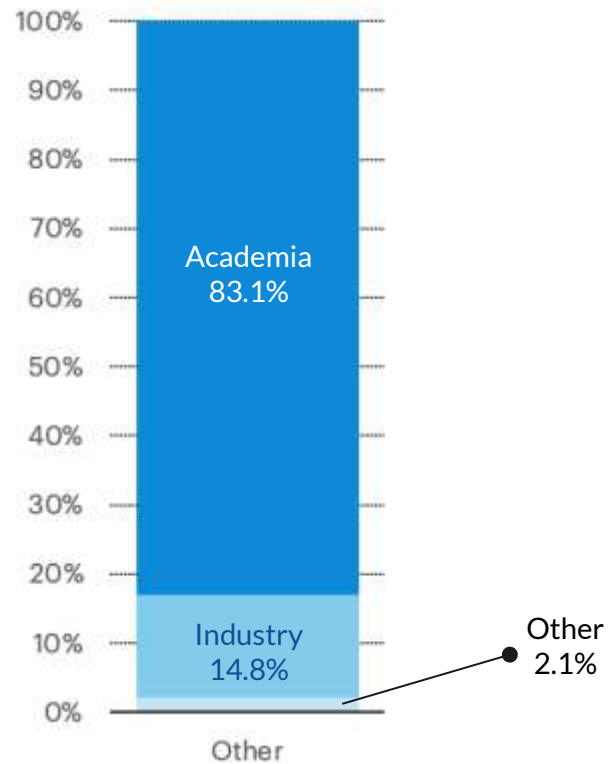
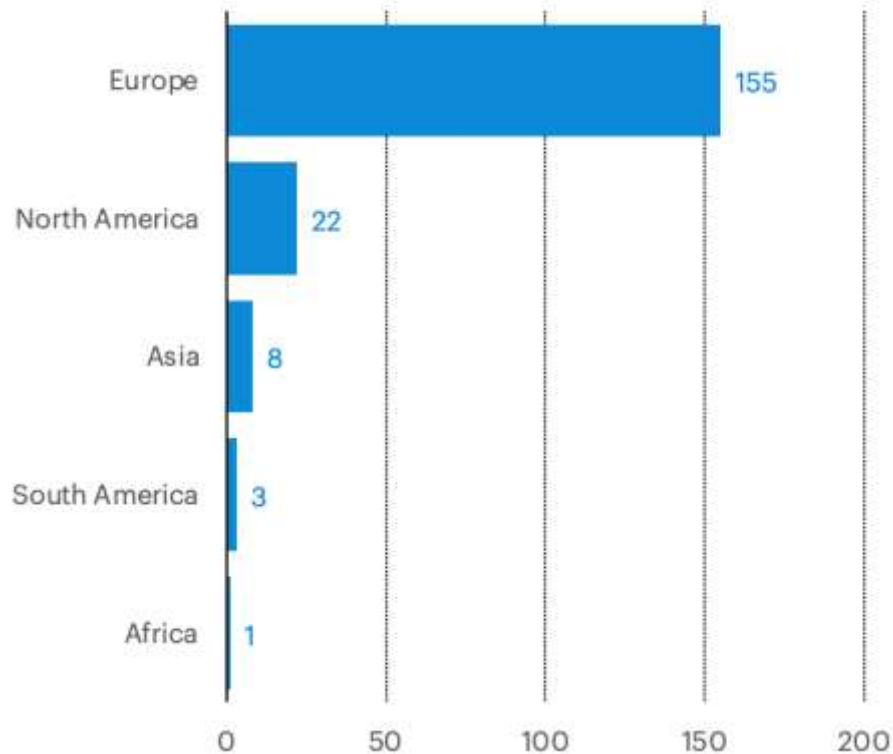
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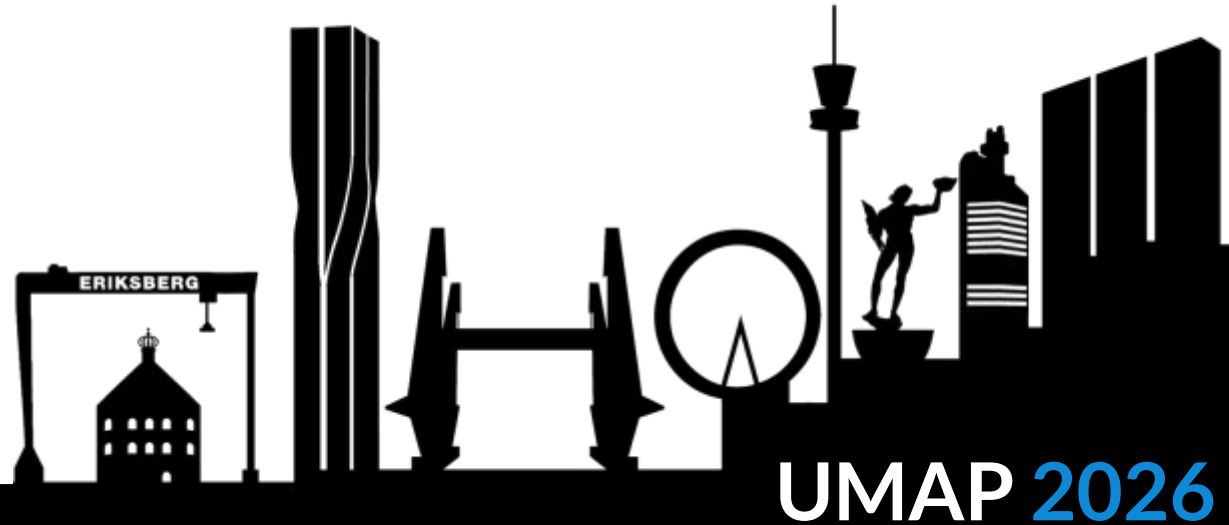
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WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

We have created a UMAP 2026 community in WhatsApp for you to communicate with each other during the conference



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NEED HELP?



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GENERAL CHAIRS



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ACCESSIBILITY CHAIRS



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LOCAL CHAIR



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

REGISTRATION DESK



Pedagogen House A is the main venue for UMAP 2026

All main conference sessions will take place in this auditorium

All breaks take place in the ground floor foyer

Poster sessions and demos are scheduled during the lunches in the ground floor foyer

- **Presenting a poster?**

- Hang it up during the morning coffee break
- Take it down by the end of the afternoon coffee break



- **Questions?**

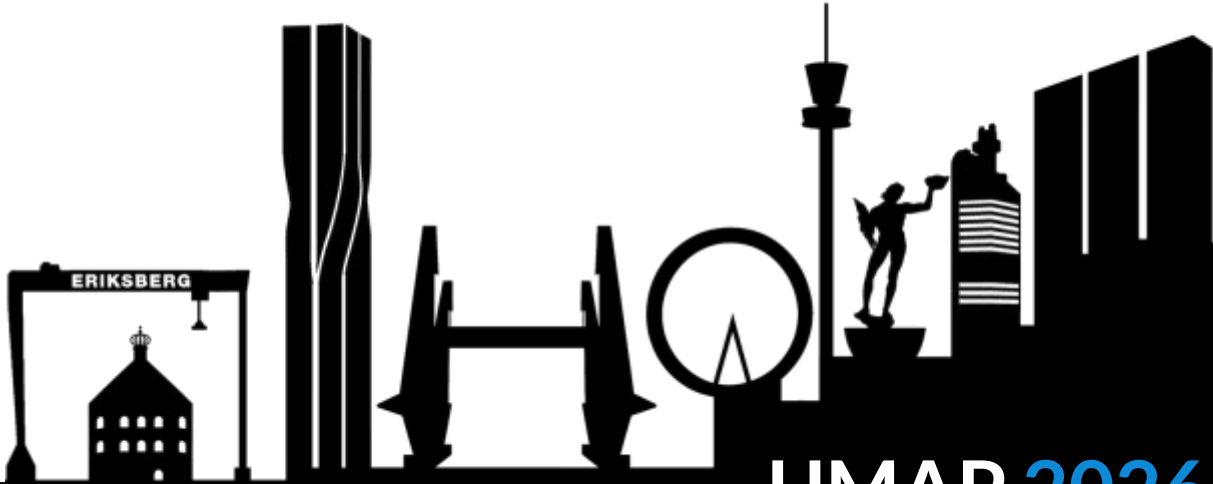
- Ask our LBR chairs Sherry & Alain - or any of the student volunteers present during lunch



- **Presenting a paper?**

- You are expected to use your own laptop
- Please show up at least 15 minutes before your session starts to test it out
- If you are the next speaker, please come down to the floor already during the Q&A of the speaker before you so you are ready to connect

EVENTS



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WELCOME RECEPTION



When?

Tuesday June 9 @ 17:45-21:00

Where?

Foyer on the ground floor of
Pedagogen

CONFERENCE DINNER



When?

Wednesday June 10 @ 18:30-23:00

Where?

Universeum (Södra Vägen 50)

Student volunteers will depart from the Pedagogen foyer at 18:00 to walk to Universeum. **Your badge is your ticket, so remember to bring it!**

KEYNOTE 1: RANJITHA KUMAR

Zero to One-Shot Personalization with LLMs

Ranjitha Kumar (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Tuesday June 9 @ 11:30-12:30



KEYNOTE 2: NAVA TINTAREV

One-size Explanations still do not fit all

Nava Tintarev (Maastricht University)

Wednesday June 10 @ 11:30-12:30



KEYNOTE 3: SAHAR ASADI

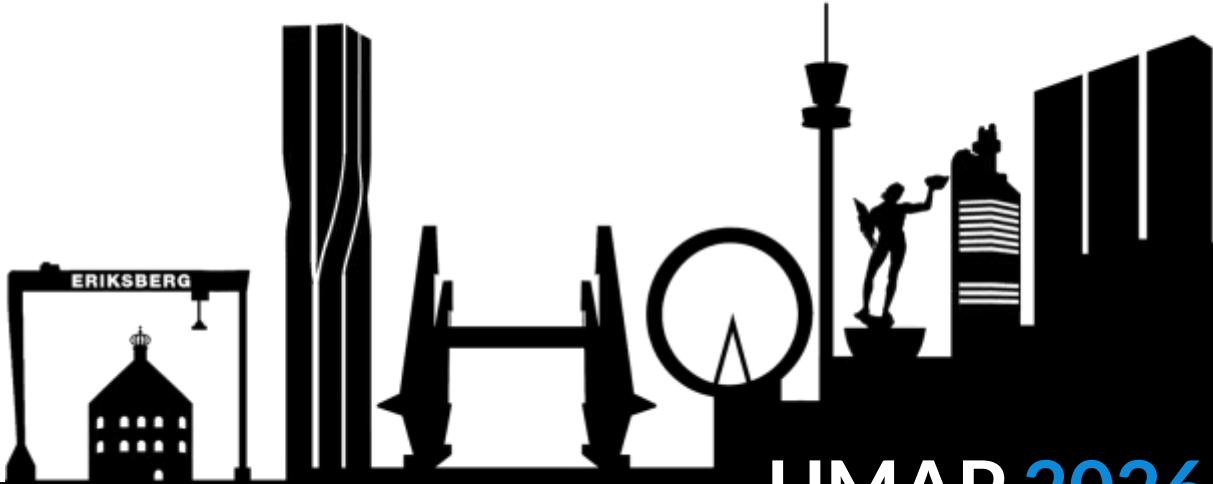
Decoding Gameplay: Foundation Models and the Future of Player Context

Sahar Asadi (King, part of Microsoft
Gaming)

Thursday June 11 @ 11:30-12:30



REMEMBERING BOB KUMMERFELD



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It is with deep sadness that I share with you the news that Bob Kummerfeld passed away peacefully on the morning of June 2nd.

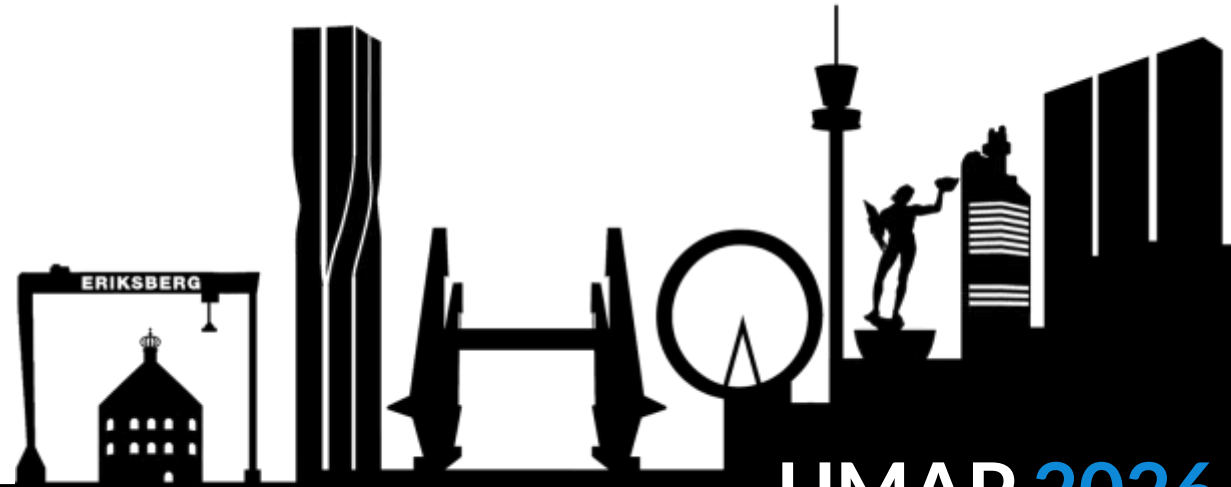
Together with Judy Kay, he played a crucial role in the development of infrastructure for managing scrutable user models, and for working with tabletop interfaces.

Through these decades, Bob was considered a wonderful colleague, supporting students and staff with kindness, immense practical sense, and a deep commitment to the University and the field of computer science.



Bob Kummerfeld
1950 - 2026

PROGRAM



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PROGRAM CHAIRS



Alejandro Bellogin

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid



Nadja (Berardina) De Carolis

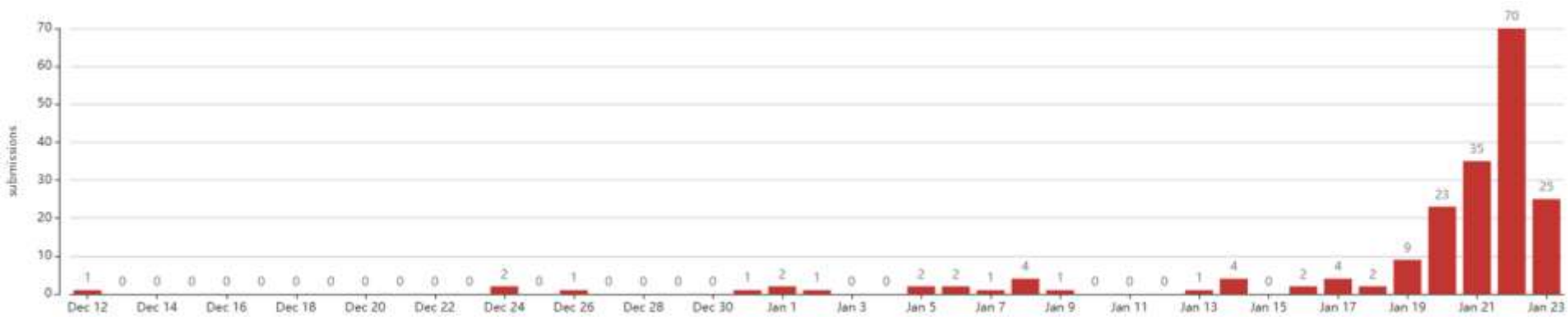
University of Bari

Different Backgrounds But a Shared Vision and Common Effort to Bring YOU a Program Spanning the Full Spectrum of User Modeling and Personalization Research

Main Track Summary

It was hard... but worth it!

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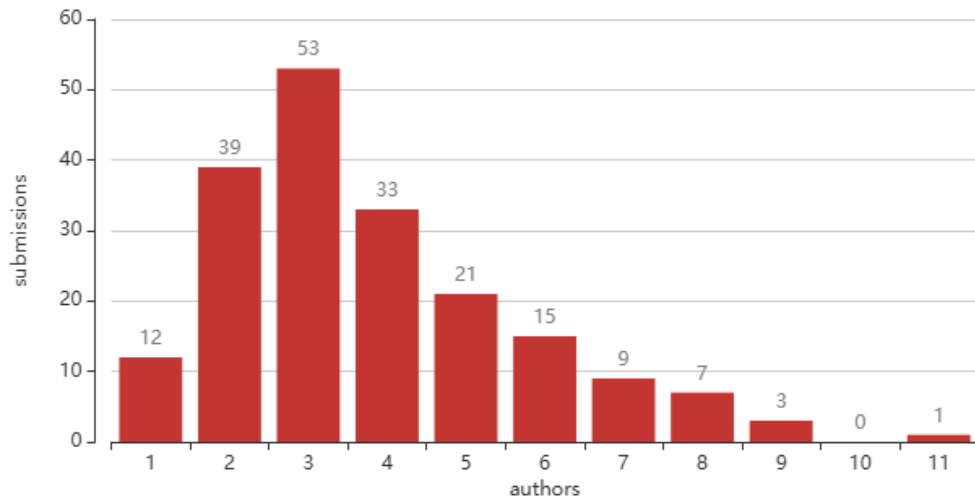
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- Right before submission deadline: UMAP ranked A in ICORE!
- More papers than usual: 195 submissions out of 248 abstracts
- Last-minute reviews, rebuttals, discussions, and further reviews
- Outcome: 35 full papers, 22 short papers
 - All with oral presentation: 15 minutes vs 10 minutes

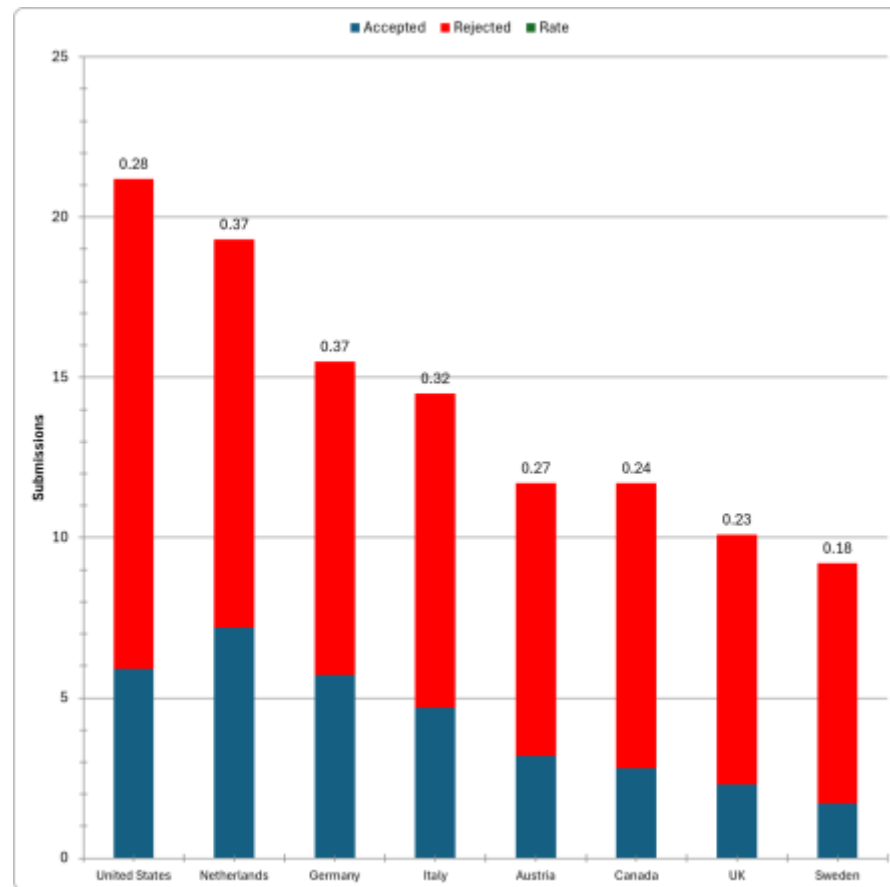
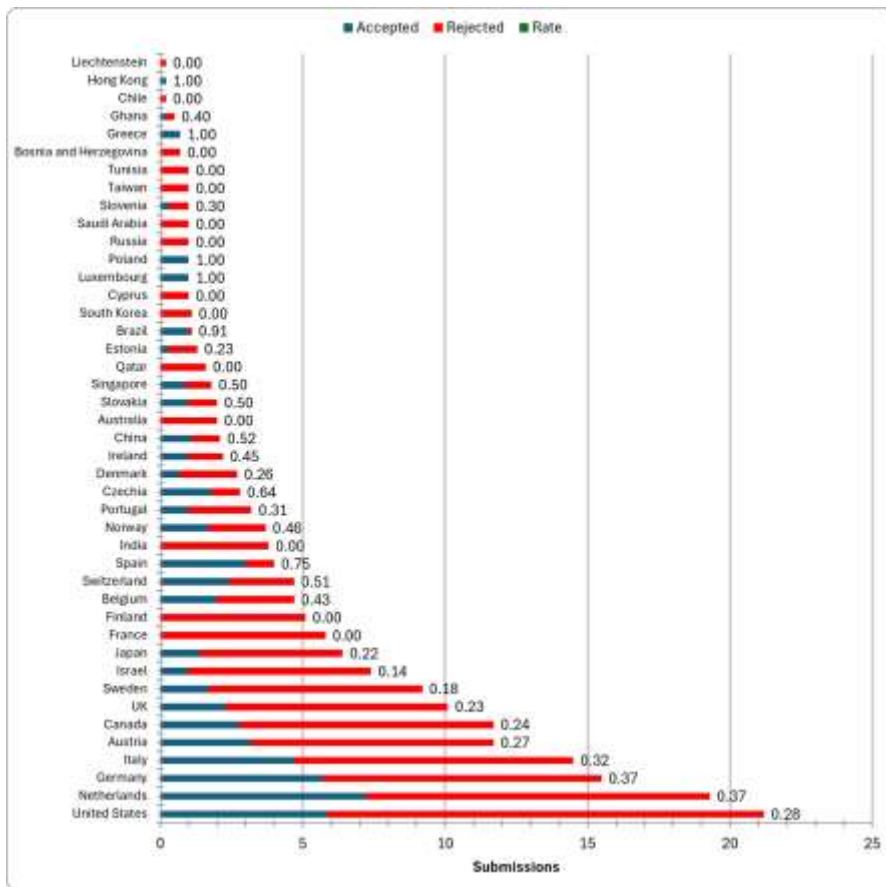
Overview

- 647 authors
- 53 senior PC members
- 122 regular PC members
- 26 external reviewers
- 30 emergency reviewers
- 590 reviews

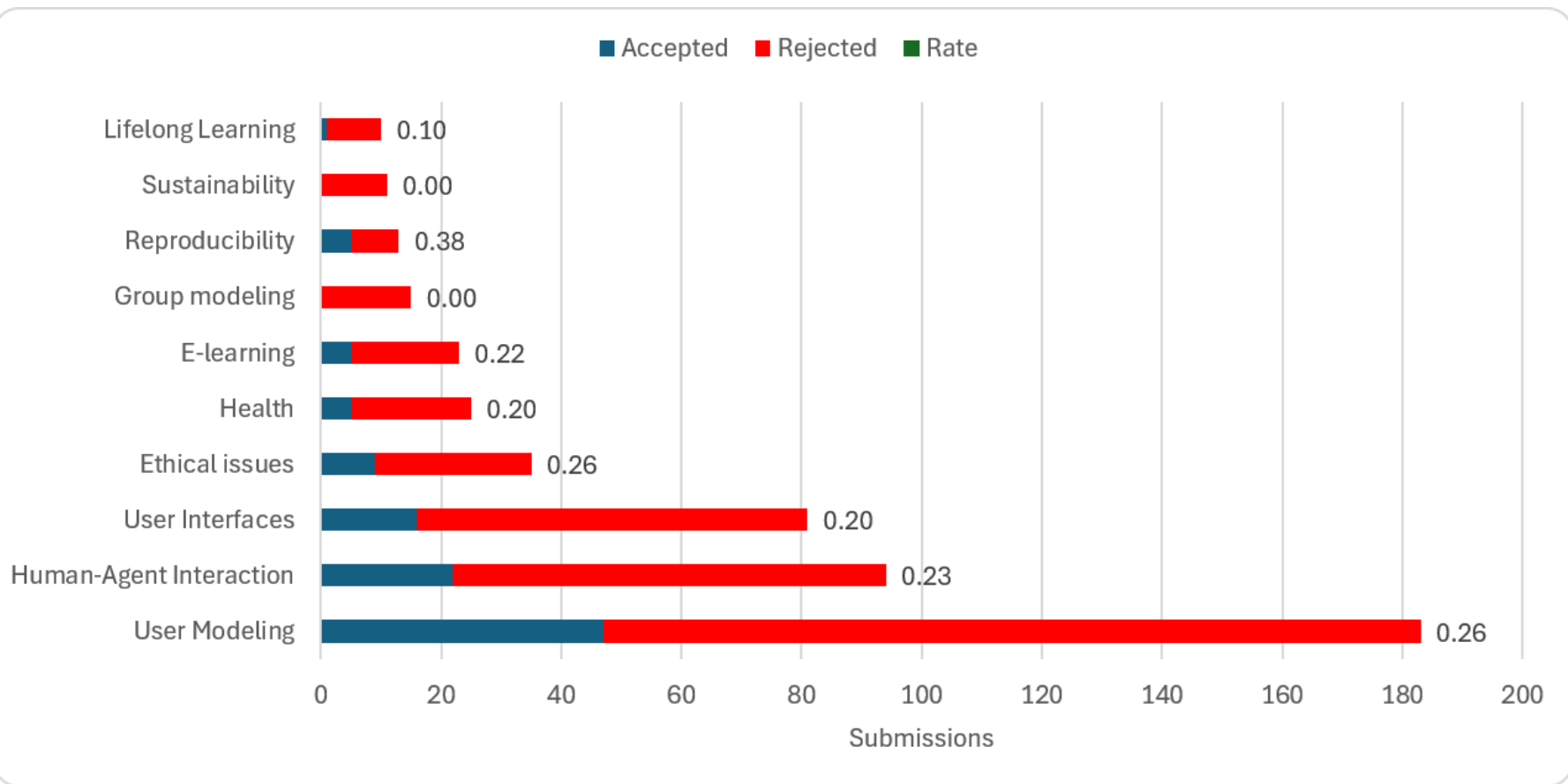


Thank you to the entire community for your **support!**

Overview Statistics: Submissions and Acceptance by Country



Overview Statistics: Submissions and Acceptance by Topic



Sessions: Tuesday

- Paper session #1: 14:00-15:30
Trustworthy and Adaptive Recommender Systems



Federica Cena
University of Turin

- Paper session #2: 16:00-17:45
Personalization in a Fair and Private World



Ludovico Boratto
University of Cagliari

Sessions: Wednesday

- Paper session #3: 09:00-10:30
Personas and User Understanding



Dietmar Jannach
University of
Klagenfurt

- Paper session #4: 11:00-11:30
Users in AI-Driven Food & Nutrition



Hanna Hauptmann
Utrecht University

- Paper session #5: 14:00-15:30
Adaptive Support in Learning and Health



Judith Masthoff
Utrecht University

- Paper session #6: 16:00-17:45
User Modeling and Context-Aware Personalization



Olivier Jeunen
aampe

Sessions: Thursday

- Paper session #7: 09:00-10:30
Adaptive Systems for Guidance, Learning, and Care
- Paper session #8: 11:00-11:30
Personalization Over Time: Context, Turns, and Sequences
- Paper session #9: 14:00-15:30
Trust, Fairness, and User-Centered Evaluation in Personalized Systems
- Paper session #10: 16:00-17:15
User Modeling in the Wild: Language, Learning & Lifestyle



Sherry Sahebi
University at Albany - SUNY



Maria Soledad Pera
TU Delft



Dominik Kowald
Know-Center



Cristina Gena
University of Torino

Review Process

1. **Initial screening, plagiarism check and desk rejections**

195 valid submissions → 188 after this step, 135 full papers, 58 short papers

2. **Review phase**

3 weeks, 4-6 papers assigned based on bidding and balance load

3. **Initial discussion**

At least 3 reviews, 47 papers with no discussion :(

4. **Rebuttal phase**

1 week, non-mandatory, 1500 words → 143 rebuttals submitted

5. **Final discussion and meta-reviews**

2-3 weeks, some papers incorporated 1 new reviewer to ensure a fair review process

6. **Notifications**

PC chairs made final decisions based on scores, reviews, topics
12 overturned (in both directions) → 35 full, 13 short accepted

16 full papers were given the option to resubmit as short

13 submissions were reviewed by PC chairs, 9 finally accepted

Best Papers Committees

- So many good papers, so few awards
- Two committees:
 - Best short paper (5 nominations)



Robin Cohen
University of Waterloo



Dietmar Jannach
University of
Klagenfurt



Cataldo Musto
University of Bari



Antonela Tommasel
ISISTAN Research Institute,
CONICET-UNCPBA



Francesco Ricci
Free University of Bozen-
Bolzano

- Best full paper and Best student paper (8 nominations)



Christine Bauer
University of Salzburg



Ludovico Boratto
University of Cagliari



Cristina Gena
University of Torino



Panagiotis Germanakos
SAP SE



Julia Neidhardt
TU Wien



Marko Tkalcic
University of Primorska



Helma Torkamaan
Delft University of
Technology



Wolfgang Würndl
TU Munich

Best Paper Candidates: Short Papers

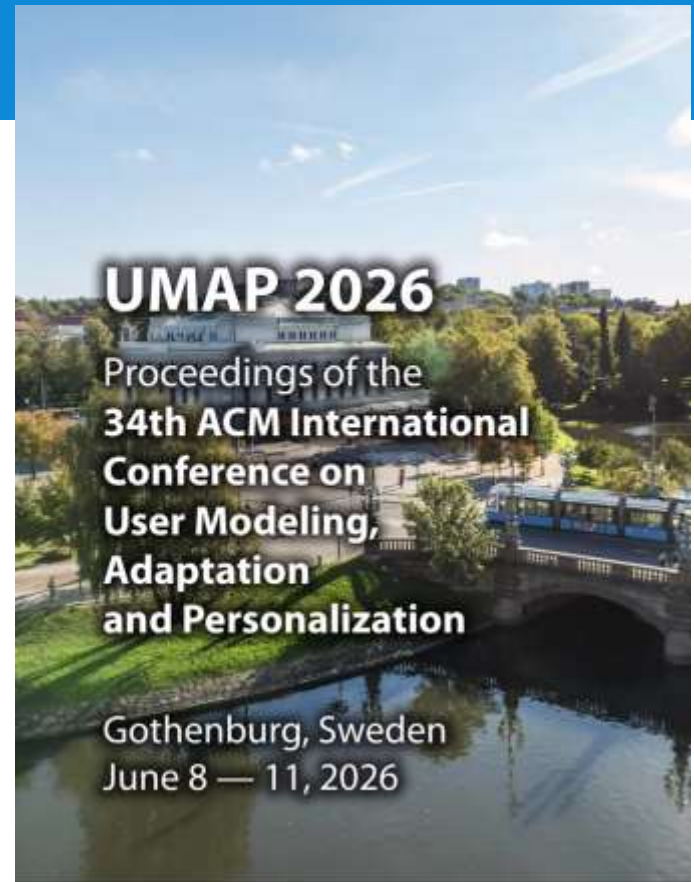
- *CALISSTA: Calibrated Candidate Retrieval Using Sparse Autoencoders and Top-k Aggregation*
 - Patrik Dokoupil, Ludovico Boratto and Ladislav Peska
 - **Session 1**
- *Language Embeddings Meet Shallow Autoencoders*
 - Rodrigo Alves, Vojtěch Vančura, Pavel Kordík and Antoine Ledent
 - **Session 1**
- *Is it relevant? Is it useful?: A Reflection on Human-Centred Evaluation in Children Information Retrieval*
 - Hrishita Chakrabarti, Diletta Micol Tobia, Garrett Allen, Monica Landoni and Maria Soledad Pera
 - **Session 9**

Best Paper Candidates: Full Papers

- *Personalized Misinformation Interventions: User-Adaptive Fact-Check Explanations Through Affective Modalities*
 - Filipe Altoe, Sergio M. Pinto and H. Sofia Pinto
 - **Session 2**
- *This Is The World (Recommender Systems Made It For You)*
 - Robin Ungruh and Maria Soledad Pera
 - **Session 2**
- *Let Me Introduce You: Stimulating Taste-Broadening Serendipity through Song Introductions*
 - Brett Binst, Ulysse Maes, Martijn Willemsen and Annelien Smets
 - **Session 3**
- *Leveraging Artist Catalogs for Cold-Start Music Recommendation*
 - Yan-Martin Tamm, Gregor Meehan, Vojtěch Nekl, Vojtěch Vančura, Rodrigo Alves, Johan Pauwels and Anna Aljanaki
 - **Session 3**
- *To Explain or Not to Explain? An Empirical Investigation into Users' Information Needs in News Recommender Systems and Its Impact on User Engagement*
 - Sophia Egbert, Stefanie M. Störtebek and Juliane A. Lischka
 - **Session 6**

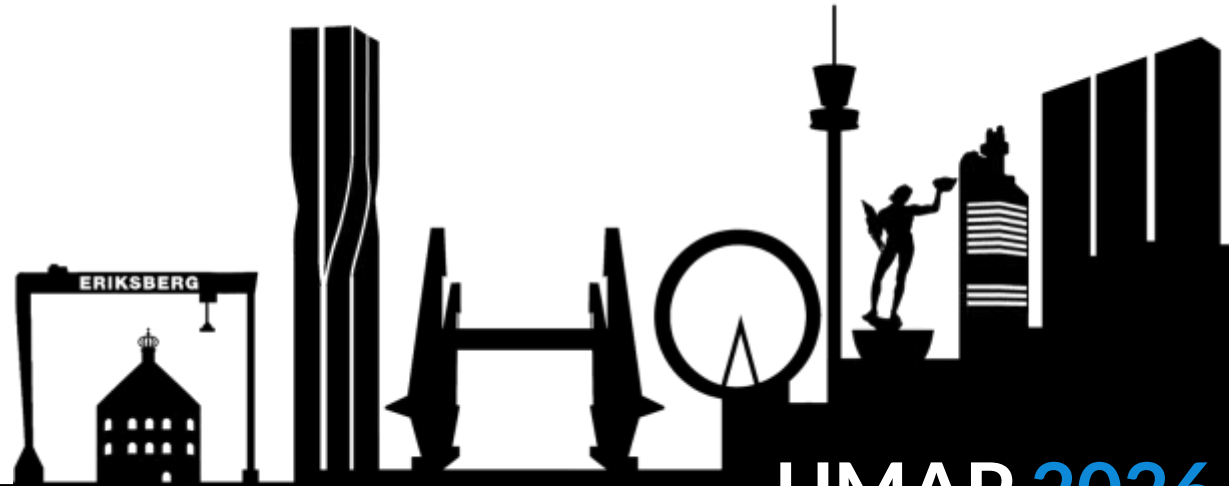
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LATE-BREAKING RESULTS & DEMOS



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LBR & DEMOS: Acceptance Stats

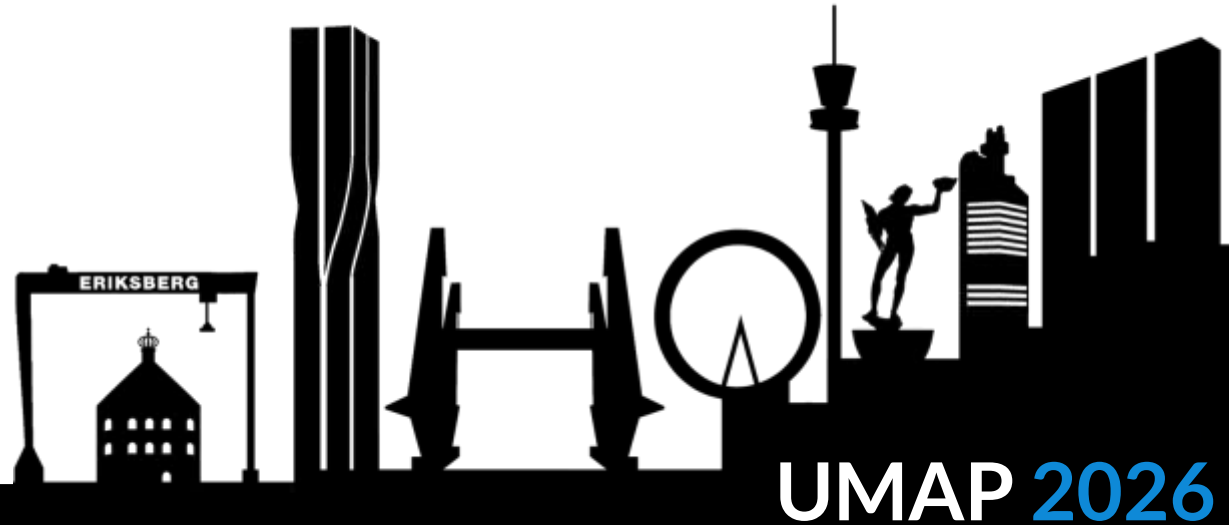
- Highly competitive, especially for late breaking results
 - Many high scores
- Criteria included:
 - Innovative ideas still being explored with some promising results
 - New research directions

	Demos	LBRs	Total
Total	11	39	50
Accept	10	21	31
Reject	1	18	19
Accept %	90%	54%	62%

- Format changes (New ACM policies)
 - Publication in the ACM UMAP 2026 **main** proceedings!
 - Exempt from the ACM Open Article Processing Charges

- **A big thank you to the reviewers**, especially the emergency reviewers with such a short turnaround time

INDUSTRY



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INDUSTRY: Acceptance stats

- 12 submissions
 - 8 accepted papers (66%)
- All industry papers will have:
 - Oral presentation
 - Poster

Don't miss them!

INDUSTRY: Affiliations of accepted papers

The Washington Post

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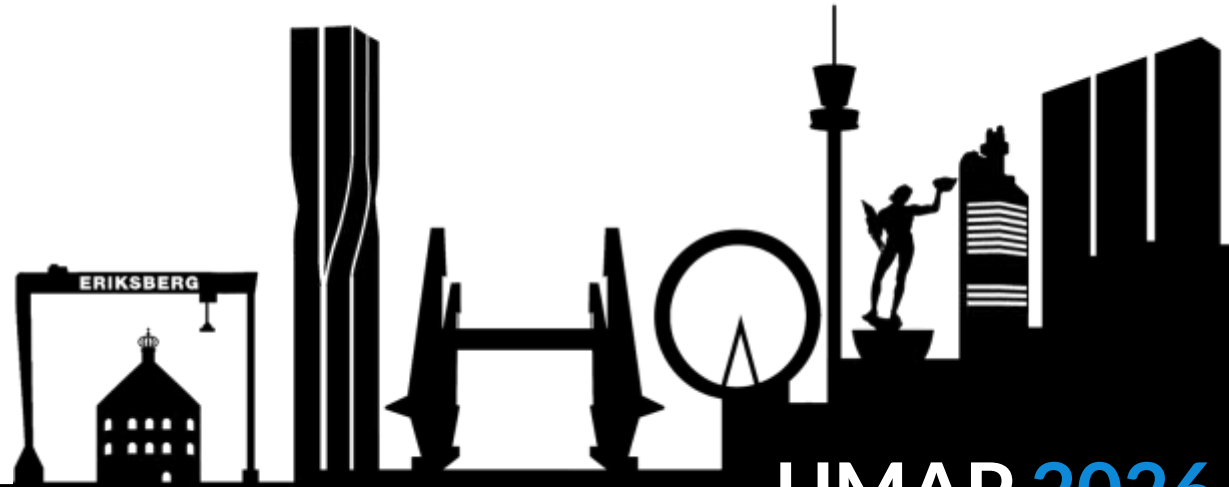
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