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Important dates

Submission deadline: November 24, 2008  
Notification of decision: January 20, 2009  
Pre-proceedings version deadline: February 10, 2009  
Workshop: February 22 – 25, 2009  
Proceedings version deadline: April 1, 2009

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The authors of submitted papers guarantee that their paper will be presented at the workshop if their paper is accepted.

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