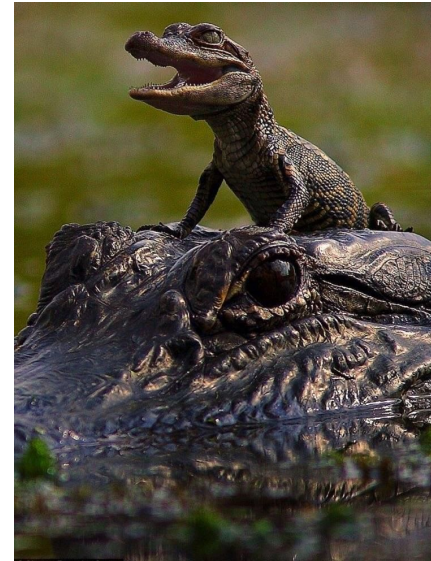


An aerial night photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a large brick building with a green roof is visible. To the left, a church steeple is illuminated with red and blue lights. In the background, a tall, ornate tower is lit up. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. A large yellow rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the text "ACT 2025" and "Community Meeting" in bold black font.

ACT 2025

Community Meeting

Big thank you to James Fairbank, Kierstin Riels, all the local organizer helpers, and the University of Florida for hosting ACT2025.



PC Report

PC Chairs



Amar Hadzihasanovic



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This year's PC:

- 39 PC members (a big thank you to all of them!)
- We invited 51 people (Oct/Nov), 12 declined.
- 20 were first time ACT PC members
- Only 2 members from ACT2024 PC was on ACT2025 PC
- No grad students

Call for Papers:

- February 26: Title and brief abstract submission
- March 3: Paper submission
- April 7: Notification of authors
- May 19: Pre-proceedings ready versions
- June 2-6: Conference
- Submissions on easy chair, proceedings EPTCS

- First Call for Papers was sent out on Dec 1 2024
- Second Call for Papers was sent out Jan 20 2025
- Final Call for Papers was sent out Feb 14 2025

- No extension given/required (short grace period of 2-3 extra days was given for exceptional reasons for 3 submissions)

- Following previous ACTs: no rebuttal stage.

Submission Data:

- ACT2023 had ~80 submissions
- ACT2024 had ~70 submissions
- ACT2025 only had 50 submissions
- 17 proceeding paper submissions
- 33 extended abstract submissions
- Only 1 (to our knowledge) obvious AI generated submission
- Every PC member had ~3 submissions to review, 2 abstracts, 1 paper
- 32 accepted submissions
- 7 proceeding papers
- 25 talks (some were not accepted as proceeding but as a talk)
- While there were exceptional reasons we were expecting lower submissions this year, there is a downward trend in submissions at ACT.

Schedule:

- Less submissions means more time for talks!
- Everyone got a 30 minute talk session
- No need for parallel sessions.
- Lots of breaks, which seemed to have helped with networking/discussions
- This year not hybrid, we did allow three recorded presentation because of visa issues or medical exceptions.

Invited Speakers:

- Previous ACT used best submissions to give longer talks
- This year we were asked by the steering committee to find invited speakers
- Unfortunately we had some bad luck:
- With the PC we came up with a list of three speakers and three backup speakers. Three accepted (1 from “first choice”, 2 from “backup choice”)
- Sadly two of invited speakers had personal situations (death of loved one and medical emergency) which meant they had to cancel last minute
- We decided to promote a local submission to plenary

Adjoint School Report



AdJoint School

- 100 Applications for 16 slots
- **Dates:**
 - Reading Seminar: Jan 23rd - May 16th
 - Research Week: May 26th - 30th
- **Mentors:** Juliana Vizzotto, Laura Scull, Georgios Bakirtzis, Justin Hsu
- **Projects:** graph homotopy, effects for quantum computing, reinforcement learning, and numerical analysis
- **Sponsors/Support:** AWS ARG, Topos, ACT organizers
- Open call for Mentors:
 - Innocent Obi Jr: innoobi@cs.washington.edu
 - Drew McNeely: drew@drewmcneely.net
 - Elena Dimitriadis Bermejo: dimitriadis-bermejo.math@posteo.net
 - Ari Rosenfield: arirosenfield@gmail.com

Thank you for attending ACT2025:

- Fill out anonymous form here until June 16:
<https://forms.gle/7KUzCb9wr5SPNKKf9>
- Comments about future of ACT (as a conference)?
- See you next year at ACT2026 in Tallinn, Estonia

