

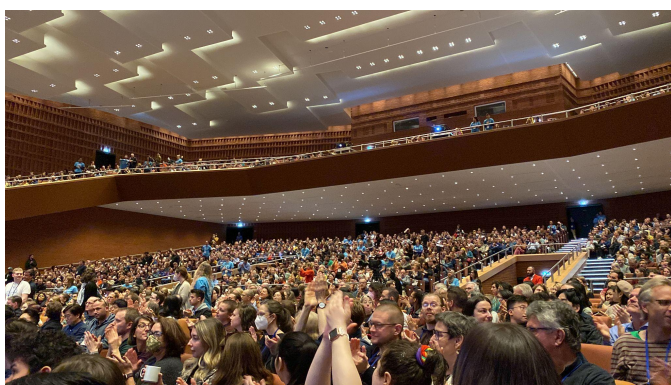
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To: The Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center (ISTRC)

Subject: Letter of impression from the CHI'23 conference

I am writing to express gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the [ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems \(CHI\)](#) held in Hamburg, Germany, from April 23rd to April 28th, 2023. As an active researcher in the field of Human-Computer Interaction, I had the privilege of presenting my research work at the [AutomotionXP workshop](#). This conference not only offered an unparalleled platform for sharing knowledge and ideas but also provided an enriching environment for networking and fostering professional relationships.

The ACM CHI Conference is a beacon in the field of Human-Computer Interaction, uniting researchers and practitioners from diverse backgrounds and research areas. The magnitude of the research presented was both inspiring and enlightening. With 3,182 comprehensive submissions received and an acceptance rate of 28%, the conference showcased cutting-edge research across 15 major categories, spanning the breadth of interaction between humans and computers. The commitment of renowned sponsors such as Google, Microsoft, Meta, and Apple, among others, underscores the conference's significance and influence within the field.



Images from the CHI'23 conference: Left - Opening ceremony, Right - AutomationXP workshop.

My participation in the AutomotionXP workshop was an enriching experience because it allowed me to interact with fellow researchers, exchange insights, and deliberate on topics of mutual interest. The workshop not only facilitated the dissemination of knowledge but also nurtured an environment conducive to meaningful interactions. Based on my participation and engagement, I wish to share some recommendations for future researchers considering participation in CHI conferences:

1. Aspiring researchers in the field of HCI should prioritize CHI as a premier international conference for publication and participation, given its global exposure and reputation.
2. Submissions must uphold the highest academic standards to navigate the highly competitive selection process effectively.
3. Authors should be prepared for the meticulous and thorough publication material preparation that follows paper acceptance.
4. In-person attendance is strongly recommended to capitalize on networking opportunities, enhance learning, and elevate the overall conference experience.
5. Specialized workshops offer a unique avenue for in-depth engagement with like-minded researchers, fostering enduring professional connections.
6. Student volunteering can enhance the social and professional experience, providing benefits such as free registration and meals.

In conclusion, I thank the ISTRC for sponsoring my participation at the conference. The experience gained, knowledge shared, and connections forged will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my research journey. I eagerly anticipate the forthcoming editions of CHI and look forward to continuing my engagement with this remarkable community.

Yours sincerely,

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