



Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands, from 30 June to 2 July 2025. ITiCSE is a computing education conference held annually, typically in Europe, sponsored by ACM SIGCSE and in collaboration with ACM Europe Council and Informatics Europe.

Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, with a city center full of important historical locations. Nijmegen was founded by the Romans as an important base because of its strategic location. The city is exciting, interesting, and has a turbulent history. And it's not just a rich cultural history that Nijmegen has to offer. Nijmegen is a lively city with many cozy restaurants, bars and terraces that give the city a young vibe. Furthermore, you can find examples of modern architecture. For instance, a spectacular water management project 'Room for the River' was completed a few years ago, involving a change of the course of the river and the creation of an artificial island.

Nijmegen is well-connected: traveling to Amsterdam takes just a bit more than one hour. There are direct trains to and from Amsterdam and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.

The green campus of Radboud university is located outside the city center of Nijmegen and is easily accessible by bike or public transport. Radboud University is a broad university where research and education go hand in hand. Students and staff members feel connected to each other, to society, and to the world around them. For the conference, we are happy to welcome you at the Faculty of Science, in the modern Huygens Building.

The 2025 conference will follow a similar format to recent editions with working groups, an integral feature of ITiCSE, meeting for three full days before the conference from June 27-29, with the conference taking place June 30 to July 2. ITiCSE 2025 will be an in-person conference.

The call for participation is available on the conference website, <https://iticse.acm.org/2025/>.

Full papers are submitted at two deadlines, a week apart, with abstracts due by January 12 2025 and the complete paper due a week later for dual-anonymous review. Proposals for working groups are also due by January 19 2025 while submissions for panels, posters, the doctoral consortium, and tips, techniques, & courseware will be due by March 2025.

Please visit the conference website <https://iticse.acm.org/2025/> for updates and more information over the coming weeks and months. We look forward to meeting you in Nijmegen!

### **Koli Calling 2024 Conference Recap** By Juho Leinonen and Andreas Mühling

Koli Calling is a long-running conference for researchers, educators, and practitioners in computing education, providing opportunities for presenting research and networking in a unique natural setting. The conference is a single-track event and covers a wide range of topics within computing education. The 24th Koli Calling International Conference on Computing Education Research (Koli Calling 2024) took place from November 14-17, 2024, in the beautiful Koli National Park in Eastern Finland. This year, there was a pre-conference workshop on November 13th and a Doctoral Consortium on November 12th-13th, with both events taking place in Joensuu, Finland, about 60 kilometers from the Koli National Park. The conference was held in cooperation with the ACM and SIGCSE and was organized by the University of Eastern Finland, Aalto University, and the Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education (Germany).



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We welcomed a total of 62 attendees in person at Koli and 13 online. Out of the in-person attendees, approximately half attended either the doctoral consortium, chaired by Nick Falkner, or the pre-conference workshop, organized by Matti Tedre and Ismaila Sanusi. The attendees enjoyed hearing a keynote by Professor Lauri Malmi on “24 years of Koli Calling – reflections on the conference and the development of computing education research as a research field.” In addition to the keynote, there were a total of 23 paper presentations, nine poster/demo presentations, and eight doctoral consortium presentations at Koli. Eight papers and three posters/demos were presented asynchronously online. For social activities, participants were able to participate in the usual Koli activities of going to the sauna and spa, board games, as well as a wine tasting organized by Nick Falkner.

The best paper award went to Fabian Pfütsch and Frank Höppner for “[Estimating and Differentiating Programming Skills from Unstructured Coding Exercises via Matrix Factorization](#).” The best in-person poster award was voted on by the participants. There was a tie between “[Introducing Block-Based Testing in Scratch](#)” by Siegfried Steckenbiller, Patric Feldmeier, Gordon Fraser, Ute Heuer, and Florian Obermüller, and “[Thinking Beyond the Familiar with the Research Alternatives Exercise](#)” by Nickolas Falkner and Rebecca

Vivian, so both posters were awarded the best poster award.

The conference could not have been held without the efforts of the local organizing committee, including Ilkka Jormanainen, Samuel Yigzaw, and Ismaila Temitayo Sanusi. The conference is also grateful to Otto Seppälä for his support in configuring the online environment and helping with social activities such as board games and the traditional nature walk. We are truly thankful for the service of all the organizers to the Koli community.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Koli in 2025, which will once again feature a Doctoral Consortium alongside the traditional conference program.

### **SIGCSE Technical Symposium 2025: Information for Attendees**

By Jeffrey A. Stone and Timothy Yuen, SIGCSE TS 2025 Symposium Co-Chairs, and Samuel A. Rebelsky, Libby Shoop, and James Prather, SIGCSE TS 2025 Program Co-Chairs

The 2025 SIGCSE Technical Symposium will soon be upon us! The Technical Symposium will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from February 26 to March 01, 2025. We are looking forward to welcoming the SIGCSE community at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on the banks of the Allegheny River. Our theme for this year is “Leading the Transformation.”

[Registration](https://sigcse2025.sigcse.org/attending/Registration+) is now open for all attendees (https://sigcse2025.sigcse.org/attending/Registration+)

We encourage you to register by January 10, 2025, to take advantage of the early registration rate.

The 2025 SIGCSE Technical Symposium [program](https://sigcse2025.sigcse.org/program/program-sigcse-ts-2025/) is now live (https://sigcse2025.sigcse.org/program/program-sigcse-ts-2025/) and includes both in-person