

TC13 Business meeting, Singapore, 28.-29.2.2012

1. INTERACT 2011 report

INTERACT is the flagship conference series of TC13. INTERACT 2011 took place in Lisbon, Portugal, right next to INTERACCION, a local Iberian conference (with 45 participants attending both conferences). 112 papers were accepted, resulting in a 28% acceptance rate vs. 29% in 2009. Low acceptance rates are often considered an indication of quality, so there is still some work to do. 60 short papers were accepted out of 278 submissions, 22% acceptance rate, which is good. Altogether there were 700 submissions and 800 reviewers.

538 participants registered (450 in 2009) for the conference from 40 different countries, 233 paying the regular fee, 400+ paying some fee. The geographic distribution was that there were participants from 40 different countries. Finland was 10th most active with about 18 participants; the top countries were Portugal and Spain, followed by Germany (50+), UK (40+), and US (40-). Early registration fees were 215€ for students, 490€ for regular participants. There were 118 paying student participants and 36 student volunteers. Participants used the early registration option with a ratio of 3 to 1 (for students 4 to 1).

2. INTERACT 2013 report

INTERACT 2013 will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, 2-6 September 2013 (www.interact2013.org). Full paper submission deadline will be January 15, 2013; short paper submission March 25, 2013. PC meeting will be March 7-14, 2013. Full registration fee will probably be in the order of 600€.

3. INTERACT 2015 bids

Six bids for hosting INTERACT 2015 were received. Each was thoroughly presented and discussed in the meeting, and finally voted upon. The winner was Bamberg, Germany, with Tom Gross as general chair. The suggested dates are 14.-18.9.2015.

4. TC13 budget

The balance of the TC13 budget is about 30.000€. The main source of income is the INTERACT conference (including sales from proceedings). The main expenses are supporting WGs and SIGs (at a rate of max 500€ per year) and travel for the chair to participate in IFIP GA and TC13 meetings. The process of funding a particular activity is relatively complex.

5. Working Groups (WGs) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

TC13 has seven working groups and two special interest groups (which will turn into working groups after they have established regular activity). All the WGs and SIGs have been active in 2011, either by organizing conferences or by improving their web sites.

6. IFIP and TC13 awards and prizes

IFIP Silver Core award is given for extended service in various IFIP related roles; several TC13 members have received that. IFIP Outstanding service award can be given to members who are not (yet) eligible award for the Silver Core award.

TC13 gives out the Brian Shackel award in connection of INTERACT. This is a formal IFIP award. In addition, TC13 WG13.3 on HCI and disability is given in connection with INTERACT. The selection processes were discussed.

IFIP Pioneers can be honoured as well. TC13 has thus far two pioneers, Brian Shackel and Liam Bannon. A committee was set up to specify the description of what it means to be an IFIP pioneer, and how to propose nominees to IFIP.

INTERACT 2011 also gave out people's choice awards (a form of best paper/presentation award). The process did not work well. A policy will be put in place for the future conferences.

7. Proposal for SIG on Social Networking and Mobile Interaction

Needs more work.

8. HCI development in Asia

A workshop was held in March 2011 on the issues HCI is facing in Asia. Much the same issues as in developed countries (e.g. struggling for an identity within computer science). Additional workshops have taken place. Zhengjie Liu leads the development activities in SIGCHI. CHI 2015 might take place in Asia; if it does, the site would probably be Singapore.

APCHI conference will be held annually in the future. The steering committee is led by Masaaki Kurosu.

The people actively working on this theme want to form an independent organisation.

9. UNESCO funding

SPH project (Share, Provide, Help) proposed to help people from developing countries in being able to make better use of INTERACT (through video conferencing or physical participation). Formal funding

proposal will be submitted to UNESCO so that in case of positive decision it can have effect before INTERACT 2013 in Cape Town.

10. New ways of reporting what IFIP TC 13 does to IFIP

The chair needs reports from WGs etc in order to report to IFIP, but the WGs were reluctant to use a fixed form which would have made this easier (partly because it was felt that nobody read their reports). This is an issue related to maintaining the IFIP TC13 website.

11. TC 13 website and relationship with IFIP TC 13 newsletter

There was a long and varied discussion on whether we aim at one website for all, with a password protected section for members, or whether there should be two websites, one for the public, another for internal use. The decision was to aim at hosting the website on a new server, so that problems with passwords could be fixed, and then enforce the use of the web again for TC13 internal communication, plus for a simple public webpage. TC13 will obtain a new domain name. The web pages of past INTERACT conferences will be archived on the website to the extent possible.

The domain name is now operational and the website is accessible at tc13.org.

12. Update on TC13 chair situation and issues with IFIP

Jan Gulliksen's position as chair is coming to end after 2013. He challenged participants to start considering being a chair starting 2014.

IFIP management meetings tend to coincide with TC13 meetings; it has been difficult for Jan to participate in the IFIP business meetings.

The business model of World Computer Congress is changing. There is no HCI stream in this year's WCC; it does not seem to fit the TC13 community. There was concern on the direction that WCC is taking.

13. Future TC13 meetings

There are some countries where TC13 has not had a meeting in the past, including Finland.

For the next meeting in March 2013 here are eight candidates, including Finland. The decision will be made later (after a couple of months) based on a Doodle vote.

14. AOB

TC13 is looking into using Google Groups for email.