A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF IFIP

A Focus on Quality

Since its founding in 1960, IFIP has grown to be a large and eminent organization. Currently our technical activities are arranged into 11 Technical Committees, a Specialist Group, and 68 Working Groups. The total number of people involved in this technical structure is around 2000. They are all volunteers, taking part in IFIP work because they can advance the work of our Federation, as well as benefit from the international network it provides. IFIP depends on the qualifications and the work offered by these people. It is their contributions that can keep IFIP prestigious.

The "products" of IFIP fall mainly into two categories: conferences and publications. Conferences comprise a variety of activities, from small workshops to the World Computer Congresses. Publications are mainly conference proceedings and some state-of-the-art reports.

During the last few years, we have seen an international decline in the conference market. This can, of course, be attributed to the declining business conditions that have been experienced internationally. IFIP’s mission is to disseminate information. We have an obligation to spread knowledge about information processing with a high level of quality, to both industrialized and less-industrialized countries. To fulfil our mission, we must survive in the fierce competition of the conference and publication market. We are not in that competition for profit; we are in it to transfer technology on a nonprofit basis.

I believe that in the conference market, only high-quality activities with specific and specialized scopes will attract delegates from industry and academia in the future. Quality thus becomes a major concern for IFIP in the future.

Our greatest strategic advantages in the conference market are probably

- High-quality technical content
- A truly international network
- A volunteer workforce of leading professionals

We must develop these advantages further to strengthen our position. The IFIP name must always be associated with the best quality. This can be obtained only by mobilizing the total workforce of our 2000 volunteers. Each of you, through your contributions to IFIP, determines the quality of our activities, and thus our reputation. Only if IFIP maintains this reputation can you justify the volunteer effort you expend for IFIP.

The General Assembly is the body responsible for the overall operation of IFIP. Through the Technical Assembly, we have been able to strengthen the bond between the Technical Committees and the General Assembly. The Technical Assembly is

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COMPILER CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP — CC ’92
by Prof. Uwe Kastens (D) *

The International Compiler Construction Workshop — CC ’92 was held October 5-7, 1992 at the University of Paderborn, Germany, with 84 participants from Europe and North America. The main topics of the lectures and discussions were methods and tools for compiler construction, optimization, and compilation for parallel processors and for specific languages. The International Program Committee was chaired by Prof. Uwe Kastens, and the organization team by Dr. Peter Pfahler, both of the University of Paderborn. The Gesellschaft flit Infor-

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In September, the IFIP Technical Assembly, meeting in Toledo, Spain, approved the formation of a Working Group on Human-Computer Interaction and People with Special Needs (WG13.3). The following background information was presented to support this activity.

HCl and PSN

It is commonly accepted that Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) is one of the most important factors in achieving satisfactory use of the computer. The importance of the Human-Computer Interface becomes critical when the user has any difficulty in using the computer. This difficulty may originate in different causes: physical or mental disabilities, aging, poor language knowledge, etc. In all cases, the design of an adequate interface can give access to the complex world of computers and teleinformatics to people that traditionally have been excluded because of their limitations. Different groups of users are considered together in the catch-all expression “People with Special Needs” (PSN). This usually includes people with disabilities (the blind, deaf, motor-impaired, mentally-impaired, etc.), elderly people, children, and others. All of them can see their lives changed in some way by the use of computers if they are provided with an adequate interface.

People with disabilities. The spectacular development during recent years of the so-called new technologies of information has permeated the application of recent techniques to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities. Several different handicaps have been overcome, giving to people new possibilities of communication, environmental control, and access to computers and telematic networks.

Elderly people. Most of the new home-care systems and telealarms are based on teleinformatics techniques. They are evolving to very complex and sophisticated devices that require some training for correct use. Moreover, very popular computer-based services such as automatic bank offices are not commonly used by elderly people because they do not understand usage procedures well. In these cases, it could be useful to design easy procedures.

Children. Computer-based telecommunication systems, home-alarm systems, environmental-control devices, etc., are becoming common in homes. In some situations their accessibility by children can be of vital importance.

Others. There are other PSN. For instance, people whose first language is not the official language have problems understanding information given through computers. In this case, numerous problems in information systems for daily life could be overcome if multilingual interfaces were available. People hospitalised for a long time can be considered as another group of users with special needs. They can largely profit from special interfaces to computerised help and environmental-control systems.

To give an idea of the numerical significance of PSN, let us mention a paragraph of a report of the European Commission: “If the elderly people with disabilities and children are taken together, they probably amount to as much as 30% of the population. According to available statistics the group of people with disabilities amounts to 15-20% and the group of elderly is as large. However, the two groups overlap to a very great extent...”

Nowadays, computers provide new opportunities of access to work, leisure, culture, communications, etc. So it is fundamental to design interfaces that permit the use of the computer to a large number of people with special needs, for whom the computer represents a window to a new world. But the evolution in the design of human-computer interfaces has not always given better opportunities to PSN. As an example, the profusion of graphic interfaces has increased the difficulty of access to computers for blind people used to managing a command-based interface. In this kind of case, it is important to offer the possibility of using an alternative interface based on a different physical skill.

To sum up, and generally speaking, the main problems that PSN find in using a computer are:

- Physical accessibility and device usability. The use of terminals requires some physical skills, like sight (to read the display or screen), good control of hand movements (for keyboard and

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ISAAC AUERBACH, IFIP FOUNDER, DIES

IFIP mourns the death of its key founder, Mr. Isaac L. Auerbach (USA), who died of myelofibrosis (a bone-marrow disease and a precursor of acute leukemia) 24 December 1992. He was instrumental in the creation of IFIP and served as its first president, from 1960 to 1965. We owe him an immeasurable debt.

"Ike" was born in Philadelphia in 1921 and received the B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University in 1943 and the M.S. degree in applied physics from Harvard University in 1947. Upon graduation, he worked as a research engineer with the Eckert Mauchly Corporation (later to become the Univac division of the Sperry Rand Corporation) and then, from 1949 to 1957, as director of the Defense and Special Products Division of the Burroughs Corporation.

In 1957, he left Burroughs to found Auerbach Associates, a computer design and consulting company, and Auerbach Corporation for Science and Technology, a holding company, in Philadelphia. Auerbach Publications, a publisher of information about computers and communication equipment, was incorporated in 1960. Mr. Auerbach served as president and chief executive officer of these companies and several others. Auerbach Consultants was founded in 1976, and he served as its president until his death.

Honors bestowed on him include Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Distinguished Fellow of the British Computer Society, and member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and the U.S. honor societies Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Sigma Xi.

We quote the following material written by him for the book A Quarter Century of IFIP (ed. by H. Zemanek and published by Elsevier/North-Holland in 1986, © IFIP) to memorialize his signal role in IFIP.

I vividly remember when the original idea for the formation of IFIP came to me. I was attending the Eastern Joint Computer Conference in Boston, in November of 1955. … Several colleagues and I were talking about the state of the art of computers as if all of the developments were taking place in the United States, while little or nothing was happening elsewhere in the world. I suggested that it would be interesting and potentially very valuable to have an international meeting on information processing at which computer scientists and engineers from many nations of the world might exchange information about the state of the computer art. …

The next day, I presented my idea to the U.S. National Joint Computer Committee (NJCC) … The chairman of the NJCC appointed me to chair an ad hoc committee to develop the idea and bring it back for subsequent discussion. … [Eventually, we were] authorized to develop a formal proposal for submission to Unesco.

In the fall of 1957, Prof. Pierre Auger, the Director of the Natural Sciences Division of Unesco, extended an invitation to a few countries to send a representative to Unesco House in Paris to advise them on the feasibility and practicality of a conference on information processing. I was formally appointed by our State Department to be the official United States delegate. … The invitation could not have come at a more difficult time for me personally. In June of 1957, I had resigned my position as Director of the Defense and Special Projects Division of Burroughs Research Laboratories to start a new company, then known as Auerbach Electronics Corporation. By December, we had seven employees, and I was working seven days a week and most nights. But the opportunity was too great to miss…

The first Committee of Experts, as we were called, met just before Christmas, and … was able to convince Prof. Auger and his associate, Mr. Jean A. Mussard, … that the subject of information processing was important enough for Unesco to convene an international conference as soon as possible. … Prof. Auger had no difficulty in securing approval from Unesco to fund, organize and convene the First International Conference on Information Processing (ICIP), to be held at the Unesco House in Paris on June 15-20,1959. … By far the most important success of the conference was the co-mingling of people from all parts of the world, their making new acquaintances, and their willingness to share their knowledge with one another. …

During the very first meeting of the Committee of Experts in December of 1957, Prof. Auger posed the question as to the existence of an international organization in the field of information processing that could convene international conferences in future years. … At our next meeting in June of 1958 and at subsequent meetings, after completing Unesco business, a group of us would meet regularly in late afternoons and evenings to explore the creation of an organization for convening future information processing conferences. …

We agreed that the federation would be a society of societies, and would not have individual members so as not to compete with national professional societies. … It would be noted that in the Scandinavian countries, Netherlands, Japan and Italy no professional technical society dealing specifically with information processing had yet been formed. … The situation was similar in … France and the Federal Republic of Germany. … To join IFIP, … each country had to either organize a national technical society, form a society of societies, or have its Academy of Science apply for membership. In each case, the desire to affiliate with IFIP was the driving force that stimulated the formation of umbrella organizations or professional technical societies.

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"The comprehensive and interdisciplinary promotion of information processing, with due regard to its effects on man and society" is the objective of the Austrian Computer Society (ÖCG).

In fulfilling this objective, the Society performs five primary functions:

- It serves as an umbrella organization of associations, organizations, and institutions in Austria involved in information processing.
- It represents Austria in IFIP and in similar regional associations (e.g., CEPIS — the Council of European Professional Informatics Societies — and IMIA — the International Medical Informatics Association).
- It provides members with services, information, and consultation.
- It promotes research and development projects, especially those of an interdisciplinary nature.
- It organizes international conferences and congresses and helps its member institutions to organize such events.

The Society was founded in 1975, after more than three years of preliminary negotiation. Its institutional members, which number 30, include federal ministries, professional societies, universities, the Austrian Academy of Sciences, the Austrian Chamber of Commerce, and the Union of Private Employees. The Society — unlike IFIP — also has a substantial number of individual members (approximately 900). In addition, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research and nearly 80 corporations and businesses are sponsors of the Society.

The Society has five standing committees and sixteen working and special-interest groups, active in a great number of fields, from the technical to the pragmatic (e.g., legislation and contracts). In addition, the Society offers seminars in various areas of information processing, at a high academic level. The seminars are intended for career-advancement training. Also, a comprehensive seminar program on data processing is held for secondary school teachers, as well as a seminar on the Social Problems of the Computerization of Austria.

Computers for handicapped persons is a major focus of the Society, which organized the First International Conference on Computers for Handicapped Persons in Vienna in 1989. The second, organized together with the Swiss Federation for Information Processing Societies, was held in Zurich in 1991, and the third was held in Vienna in July 1992. Because of its concern with social issues, the Society initiated a resolution, "Proscription of Inhuman and Malicious Computer Games," which was passed by the IFIP General Assembly in September 1992.

Each year, the Society administers a programming competition for young people, which is sponsored by the Austrian Ministry of Education and Arts.

The Society grants the Heinz Zemanek Award (in honor of Prof. Dr. Heinz Zemanek, IFIP's fourth president and an Honorary Member) annually to a deserving recipient, for research in the field of informatics and computer science. An additional award is given annually to talented university students in the area of informatics.

In 1982, the Society created a regional subsidiary, the Institute for Applied Informatics, in Graz. This institute is devoted to interdisciplinary research, coordinating the activities of institutes in the region of Graz concerned with information processing.

The second challenge is to create a quality-assurance system in each WG. It is necessary to ensure that our conferences have the necessary technical focus and that what is presented represents the best quality, according to international standards. It is equally important that our publications have a similar reputation for quality. We must carefully select what we publish, to comply with the very highest standards. Quality is, in the end, also dependent upon the qualifications of the WG members. I will encourage each WG to establish procedures for admitting new members, to make sure that they have the required skills.

The IFIP name must continue to be associated with the very highest quality. I am open to any proposals or ideas concerning how we can strive towards continuous improvement of the quality of IFIP activities.

Alshjom Rolstadås
President
Every year the IFIP Full Member organizations are asked to prepare a report for the General Assembly (GA) that summarizes their major activities, new initiatives, and concerns regarding IFIP. Sixteen Members submitted reports to the 1992 GA, which met in Toledo, Spain in September. Prof. Angel reports to call the attention of IFIP to the concerns of the Member societies. This year Prof. Alvarez made the following observations:

As usual, the reports are full of interesting facts regarding activities carried out by the different societies, which can be of much interest for others to consider.

This year, however, few suggestions were made for initiatives for IFIP to take. One exception is a Member (British Computer Society) opposing the rule that TC membership should be discontinued after a TC member misses a certain number of consecutive meetings. The Member society is of the opinion that "[the current] widespread difficulty in finding adequate funds for attending international meetings [makes this] a rather harsh [rule] and can only deprive IFIP of the hard work of willing representatives."

Another Member (Danish Federation for Information Processing) suggests that "The apparent difficulties in getting a proper share of the surplus generated from successful IFIP events are, in our view, a strong argument in favour of the concept of a royalty on IFIP sponsorship. We are particularly favourable to the idea of a sponsorship fee" of a fixed amount per registered participant-day, somewhat similar to what, we understand, has been applied by ACM for some time."

At least two Members suggest that IFIP should take initiatives in the field of accreditation, either of educational institutions or professionals.

Another Member (SADIO of Argentina) makes a specific request for TC members to consider a Latin American visit next year at the beginning of August to lecture at the annual Latin American Conference PAN-EL'93, which will be held in Buenos Aires in conjunction with their national annual conference. The IFIP President has also been invited to attend this event.

In addition to recommendations to IFIP, many other interesting items can be found in these reports. For example, two Members recorded large numbers of student members: the Singapore Computer Society (SCS), with the following breakdown of membership categories of its 3600 members:

- student 47%
- associate 20%
- ordinary 19%
- affiliate 14%

and the British Computer Society (BCS) with 13 000 student members out of a total of 39 000.

Several Members complained of the current difficult economic times and the problems they face in financing travel to IFIP meetings. The SCS mentioned a new program, the Distinguished Speaker Series, and solicited recommendations from the IFIP TCs for speakers. The BCS noted that 200 British people serve on IFIP's Working Groups. The French Member, AFCET, announced plans for a large, biennial congress with 12 parallel streams, beginning in 1993. The 1991 convention of the Computer Society of India attracted 2300 delegates and 100 000 visitors to the associated exhibition.

Perhaps the most interesting report came from Czechoslovakia. In it, Prof. Branislav Rovan, president of the Czechoslovak National Committee for IFIP, wrote of a process that is surely taking place in most of the central European republics. (Since the report was written, Czechoslovakia has divided. Until the issue of IFIP membership for the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic is settled, the National Committee is serving as the IFIP Member. Nevertheless, the transition described is of interest, and we print the bulk of that report here.)

The Czechoslovakian Representation

Let me use this report to explain how Czechoslovakia chose its representation in the past and to highlight possible changes in the future.

The Past

As in the other countries of the former "Communist Block," science was directed and financed via the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. Also, all professional societies were organized under this big umbrella organization.

When it came to representing Czechoslovakia internationally, the Academy would form "National Committees" for various disciplines. The role of these Committees was to represent their professional communities. With the Academy "covering all" and no other professional societies allowed, this seemed to be a fair scheme. The members of these Committees were appointed by the Presidium of the Academy, with the selection process somewhat unclear. The National Committee for IFIP used to have 15 members (10 from Bohemia and Moravia, 5 from Slovakia), with a heavy hardware bias, and its connection to the professional community was almost nil.

The Present

Formally, nothing has changed. The old National Committees were dissolved in early 1990, and new ones were formed instead. The selection process was more democratic this time, with the Academy soliciting nominations from all parts of the professional community. The final choice, though, remained with the Academy. The newly appointed members of the National Committee for IFIP then elected the President, Vice-President, and Secretary. This happened in June 1991. The more democratic procedure used by the Academy to form the Committee did not result in an ideal professional structure of the Committee and caused some problems with TC representation and links to the professional community.

The Future

I see two main goals that the National Committee for IFIP in Czechoslovakia should strive to achieve within its period in office. The first is to establish closer connection to the professional community in all areas of the IFIP activities. The second is to prepare new schema for representing Czechoslovakia in IFIP.

The present changes in the political life in Czechoslovakia and a possible split into two states make our work even more complicated. Because of total lack of finances, present activities of the National Committee are based solely on the enthusiasm and support of the membership. We expect this to change when our economy recovers a bit and industrial sponsorship becomes available.

Much can be learned from these reports. We urge all Member societies to prepare informative annual reports describing their activities and concerns.
DEPENDENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dependence on information technology (IT) is widespread. IT is used for the operation and control of a range of social, industrial, commercial, governmental, and regulatory processes, yet it introduces new potential threats to personal privacy and freedom, and new opportunities for criminal activity. These dangers have to be countered and controlled in a manner that balances the benefits of IT. Therefore, careful consideration has to be given to determine what constitutes the most effective control and regulation of IT. Such topics should be high on national agendas.

IFIP's Working Group on Information Technology Misuse and the Law (WG9.6) is holding a working conference to explore these issues, from 12 to 17 August aboard the conference ship M/S Ilich between Stockholm and St. Petersburg. On the Saturday of the conference week, the conference will convene in St. Petersburg for meetings with Russian representatives, providing a valuable opportunity to discuss some of the problems of IT in an emerging capitalist economy.

The conference, Security and Control of IT in Society, will explore major issues, including particular reference to Eastern European economies. The organizers are eager to attract people representing a wide range of interests, including central governments, regulatory bodies, information system users, relevant public interest groups, the legal profession, and academics. Participants from all parts of Europe and beyond will be welcome. In addition to full conference papers, there will be shorter papers in a "case study" format, each designed to address a specific issue of relevant concern. Sessions will allow ample time for comment and general discussion.

Eur. Ing. Richard Sizer (GB), chairman of WG9.6, is conference chairman, Dr. Louise Yngstrom (S) is in charge of local organization, and Prof. Martin Wasik (GB), secretary of WG9.6, is chairman of the International Program Committee.

The proceedings will be edited by Ing. Sizer, Prof. Wasik, and Prof. R. Kaspersen (NL). Since the number of delegates is limited, those desiring to attend should immediately contact Prof. Wasik at the following address:

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INTEGRATED NETWORK MANAGEMENT

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We live in an era when computer and telecommunications networks and distributed systems are not only exploding in terms of volume and complexity, but are rapidly becoming as commonplace in business as the personal computer. Such rapid changes induce growing challenges to manage an ever-increasing variety of underlying network technologies and applications. These challenges are magnified by the growing demand for seamless integration of computer and communications services into overall enterprise management.

The 1993 International Symposium on Integrated Network Management (ISINM ‘93) — to be held 18-23 April 1993 — offers a comprehensive response to these challenges of the nineties, through a week-long evaluation, review, and discussion of current research, development, technologies, and products. ISINM ‘93 is sponsored by IFIP's Working Group on Network Management for Communication Networks (WG6.6).

For the first time, the 1993 symposium offers Technology Centers, where multiple vendors will participate in live interoperability demonstrations. This highlight of the symposium program reflects our perspective on the principal element in any solution in integrated network management: interoperability across technologies, platforms, and applications.

When we held the first ISINM in Boston in 1989, standards for enabling integrated network management across multiple vendor networking resources were in the midst of development in regional and international arenas. While some people thought that developing these standards was the most difficult part of the road to integrated management, many realized a few years later that standards were just the beginning of a long journey.

When we held the second ISINM, in Washington, D.C. in 1991, the need for enterprise-oriented management across data and telecommunications applications and distributed systems became increasingly apparent. Multi-vendor demonstrations in Europe, Japan, and North-America seemed to indicate that the time had come when users could competitively procure network management products in any of several countries and be confident that they would interoperete with comparable products in other regions. That was not the case.

We have learned. We are not at the end of the road; we are not even in the middle. We are only at the beginning and will probably remain there for the greater part of the nineties. Worldwide coordinated strategies are needed for evolving network management in the best way.

As the network management world continues evolving, our ongoing series of biennial international symposia will continue to foster and promote nonpartisan forums among individuals of diverse and complementary backgrounds to encourage international information exchange about all aspects of network and distributed systems integrated management.

For a copy of the advance program or registration information for ISINM ‘93, please contact

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To broaden the scope of these symposia, WG6.6 has been successfully collaborating with the Committee on Network Operations and Management (CNOM) of the Communications Society (COMSOC) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). ISINM and the Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS), originally a CNOM activity, are the premier technical conferences in the area of network and systems management, operations, and control. ISINM is held in odd-numbered years, and NOMS is held in even-numbered years.

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INTERCHI'93, a joint conference sponsored by IFIP’s Technical Committee on Human-Computer Interaction (TC13) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), is an especially important conference in the Human-Computer Interaction field. (Also see the article on page 6 of the December 1992 IFIP Newsletter.) The conference, to be held 24-29 April 1993 in Amsterdam, has significant advantages because of its European location and its combination of the IFIP INTERACT conference with the CHI conference of the ACM Special Interest Group on Computer and Human Interaction (ACM/SIGCHI).

Those involved in planning the conference look forward to the possibility of future joint meetings. "Both series of conferences began in the early 1980s," comments Prof. Brian Shackel (GB), TC13 Chairman, "and it is excellent that they have come together on this occasion.

People with diverse backgrounds have the opportunity to get to know one another at INTERACT and CHI conferences. From the start, INTERACT has attempted to provide an overview of the current international state of the field every three years. INTERACT'90 was attended by about 600 people from 29 different countries; its proceedings contained over 1000 pages. The annual CHI conference, originally a small meeting for psychologists interested in user-interface design, has grown to include a more diverse participant group, such as computer scientists, engineering psychologists, artists, and designers, and to deal with larger problems such as the organizational integration of technology. CHI'92 was attended by about 2600 people.

In several areas, European user-interface work has a broader focus than that typical in North America, going beyond the more usual office automation tasks to many more embedded systems applications. European user-interface designers also concern themselves much more with "work psychology" and design of the total working environment than designers in North America have done in the past.

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IFIP HAS NEW PRESS OFFICER

In order to increase international awareness of IFIP and its activities, our newly appointed Press Officer, Mr. Andrew Morris (ZA), would like to establish contact with IFIP General Assembly (GA) representatives and editors of appropriate newsletters and journals produced in member countries.

Mr. Morris writes, "To ensure the success of major IFIP events, such as the Congresses, it is essential that we utilise the various publications. The first step in achieving this is to identify those individuals involved in producing newsletters for their societies. The next step is making contact with industry publications that are willing to use press releases from IFIP."

Mr. Morris is engaged by The Argus, a Cape Town daily newspaper, as its computer correspondent and has established contact with international news services for the distribution of topical news items.

"There are many publications in the computer field," he writes, "and I am sure that the majority will be only too willing to promote IFIP, just as long as we give the material to them in the format they require. Even daily newspapers are a useful medium for promoting IFIP activities and news. All that is required is detail of a contact person."

The success of IFIP events depends upon reaching as wide an audience as possible, so the Press Officer will establish a database of contacts for all publications in the computer field and related fields. Readers of this Newsletter, especially GA representatives, are encouraged to submit the names of publications to Mr. Morris, so that he can accumulate a list of contacts. Details should include the names of the publications, names of contact persons, addresses, e-mail addresses, and publication deadlines. Information should be sent to

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BOOKS BY IFIP AUTHORS

Several people active in IFIP published books in 1992 (in addition to books that were proceedings of IFIP events). We mention a few here and apologize for any we’ve missed.

Univ. Prof. Dr. Heinz Zemanek (A), honorary member and former president of IFIP, wrote Das geistige Umfeld der Informationstechnik (The Intellectual Environment of Information Technology), published by Springer-Verlag. It is a collection of 10 lectures on a variety of topics ranging from history and system architecture to computer philosophy.

Prof. Gerard Reijns (NL), chairman of IFIP’s Technical Committee on Computer Systems Technology (TC10), and Dr. Jian Luo (NL) edited the book Transputing in Numerical and Neural Network Applications, published by IOS Press. The book "examines the use of transputers in numerical computing and neural networks."

Prof. Asbjørn Rolstadås (N), IFIP's president, is editor of Production Planning & Control, an international quarterly journal that "aims to bring together research papers, on all aspects of production planning and control, and provide a medium for their rapid publication." Now in its fourth year, the journal is published by Taylor & Francis. Prof. Peter Falster (DK), a member of IFIP’s Technical Committee on Computer Applications in Technology (TC5), is co-editor of the journal.

Prof. Edmund Clarke, Jr. (USA) and Dr. P. A. Subrahmanyan (USA), members of IFIP’s Working Group on System Description and Design Tools (WG 10.2), and Prof. Robert Brayton (USA) are the editors of a new journal, Formal Methods in System Design, published by Kluwer Academic Publishers. This is “the first international journal specifically devoted to formal methods for designing, implementing, and validating the correctness of hardware and software systems.” In the editorial of the first issue, the editors say, "We feel that it is important to recognize the contribution of IFIP Working Group 10.2 in the formation of this journal. WG 10.2 recognized the importance of formal methods in hardware quite early and has held a regular series of workshops on this topic beginning in 1984. Many of the seminal ideas in this area of research were first presented at one of these workshops."
In the area of intellectual property in software, computer software is not well understood, especially in developing countries. Productivity software that is used in developed countries is much too expensive for use in most developing economies. If such software is to be developed in developing countries, the cost, which shall be working with him may know him better.

Prof. Karl Kaiser (D) was born in 1942 in Krefeld, near Düsseldorf, Germany. He earned a university degree in mathematics and civil engineering at the Technische Hochschule in Aachen in 1968, after which he worked as a civil engineer in design and construction in an engineering office until 1970, followed by employment in the Department of Design and Construction at the Institute for Applied Informatics at the Ruhr University in Bochum. He was awarded the Doctor of Engineering degree in 1977, based upon a dissertation in applied mathematics related to informatics.

From 1978 to 1980, he served as Visiting Professor in the Department of Informatics at the University of Hamburg; since 1980, he has held the rank of Professor in that department. From 1983 to 1988, he was acting manager of the Regional Computing Center of the University, and he has been Director of the Computing Center since 1988. From 1985 to 1988, he was Dean of the Department of Informatics.

During his career, Prof. Kaiser has published several works in the fields of digital signal processing, robotics, and medical engineering. He has organized other conferences and congresses, such as the annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Informatik (the German Member Society of IFIP) in 1983.

While he chairs the Organizing Committee for IFIP Congress '94, he is also involved with the organization of the fifth IFIP Conference on Computer Application in Production and Engineering — CAPE '94, which will take place in Hamburg immediately prior to Congress '94.

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The September 1992 IFIP General Assembly (GA), meeting in Toledo, Spain, approved the admission of the Albanian Institute of Informatics and Applied Mathematics (INIMA) as a Full Member of IFIP. According to our By-laws, INIMA will be formally admitted when its representative attends a Council or GA meeting (preceded by payment of dues). Following is a description of INIMA.

INIMA was created in 1986 from the old Center of Computational Mathematics of the Academy of Sciences of Albania. The Center itself was founded in 1971, with personnel from the University of Tirana Department of Mathematics. Forty professionals are employed at INIMA.

The work of the Institute is concentrated in three areas. Besides scientific work on informatics and applied mathematics, INIMA works on training and technical consulting for informatics and applied mathematics problems and methods. Internationally, INIMA is the representative (focal point) of Albania in the Intergovernmental Informatics Program (IIP) of UNESCO. INIMA is also working on some programs with the United Nations Development Program and UNESCO for the development of informatics in Albania.

INIMA is composed of 6 scientific sectors (departments):

- Informatics
- Operating Systems
- Electronic Techniques
- Operational Research
- Probability and Mathematical Statistics
- Numerical Methods

The INIMA staff has been trained abroad, mainly in France, in the fields of developing applications in informatics and mathematics and maintaining software and hardware.

INIMA is a federal institute, totally financed by the government. Because of the grim state of the Albanian economy, the resources of the Institute are very limited. The government is considering the possibility of changing the status of INIMA from totally supported to half-supported, oriented towards a market economy. INIMA is also trying to become involved in projects supported by the European Community, to create connections with foreign institutions and enterprises, and to be involved in common projects with them.

As a result of recent developments in Albania, INIMA plans to reorganize itself in order to increase its abilities in the following three ways:

1. To perform complex informatics projects for such diverse areas of activity in Albania as the economy, energy, tourism, and telecommunication.
2. To organize training courses for specialists, teaching them how to use computer systems and applied mathematical methods in the management of enterprises and other institutions.
3. To computerize the economic and management activities of various enterprises and institutions. To achieve this, INIMA can perform analyses concerning the present and future needs of the enterprises, specify the informatics systems, write programs, install the equipment and maintain both hardware and software, translate technical documentation, and train personnel to operate the systems.

We look forward to Albania’s playing an active role in IFIP.

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On June 18, 1959, the fourth day of the ICIP, the final meeting of the IFIP Organizing Committee was held, and by the conclusion of the meeting, the following decisions had been taken: to create an international federation of information processing societies (IFIPS) if seven or more national technical societies agreed to ratify the statutes before January 1, 1960, and to authorize the Council to examine the possibility of holding a Second International Conference and Exhibition on Information Processing in 1963. This was a most auspicious occasion, and all of us who had spent so many hours planning for this meeting were delighted with its results. By January 1, 1960, thirteen national professional technical societies had formally agreed to adhere to the statutes proposed by the Organizing Committee, and IFIP legally came into existence. ... Aware that politics can often get in the way of science and technology, IFIP established from the very beginning that the General Assembly meetings were to be apolitical. People of vastly different cultural and political backgrounds have come together at IFIP General Assembly meetings, Congresses, and Conferences, and there has never been a major outburst or rift due to national or political differences. ... [IFIP’s] success was largely due to the unflagging energies of the early IFIP representatives and officers and their successors, all of whom had the foresight to recognize IFIP’s importance and the dedication to devote countless hours to its concerns.

Mr. Auerbach was also a co-founder of the American Federation of Information Processing Societies (AFIPS).

In addition to serving as IFIP’s president, he had many other roles, including representative of the U.S. from 1960 to 1964, Individual Member from 1964 to 1970, and Council member from 1966 to 1969. He was IFIP’s first Honorary Member (elected in 1969) and one of the first recipients of the Silver Core award, in 1974.

The IFIP community last saw him participating in 1989, when he attended the General Assembly in San Francisco. He was clearly a man of great warmth and charm.

In addition to his technical interests, he was also a philanthropist. In particular, he was a benefactor of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel), serving as vice-governor of the board of governors from 1988 to the time of his death.

IFIP extends its deepest sympathy to his wife Carol and his five children. We too mourn the loss of our founder, a man of vision and devotion.

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Two major repositories of IFIP information are now available for access by the IFIP community as well as by anyone else who can reach the repositories through international computer networks. Both databases contain similar information; however, one must use different techniques to access them.

At present, the databases contain the following information:

- the December 1992 and March 1993 issues of the IFIP Newsletter, in both ASCII and PostScript (binary) format
- the brochure What Is IFIP?
- information about IFIP Congress '94
- material about the Federation on Computing United States (FOCUS, the U.S. Member society of IFIP)

More information will be added as time passes.

The two means of access are “ftp” and ordinary e-mail. Brief instructions are included here; for more detailed information, please consult the specialists at your computer installation.

Access with ftp

To access by means of ftp, please follow these steps:

1. Issue the command
tftp software.watson.ibm.com
2. Login as “anonymous”
3. Use your Internet address (userid@nodeid) as the password.
4. Issue the command
cd /pub/ifip
to access the IFIP directory.
5. If a copy of the index of IFIP files is desired, issue the command
get index.txt
6. Issue the command
get fileid
to receive a copy of file fileid (fileid = filename filetype). To receive a copy of that file and change its designation to fileid2, issue
get fileid fileid2
7. Issue the command quit
to exit from ftp.

To get binary PostScript files through ftp, first issue the command “binary.” Some systems will ask for format and size as well. In this case, enter
binary f 256
To subsequently get ASCII files, issue the command “as.”

In requesting files, be aware that the file names are case-sensitive in ftp. For example, issuing ”get NL4Q9201.PSB” will not fetch file n14q9201.psb. To get multiple files, use the wild-card character “*.” For example, to get all pages of the December 1992 IFIP Newsletter, issue
mget n14q92*.psb

Access with e-mail

To access IFIP files by ordinary e-mail, send a note to listserv@cern.ch. The note should contain a line
get fileid
in its body (fileid = filename filetype). For example, ”get index txt” results in file index.txt, which contains the index of IFIP files, being mailed to the requester. To receive several files, send a note with several ”get fileid” lines in the body. Users on Bitnet nodes need not send notes to receive files. Instead, they can issue the command
tell listserv at cern get fileid
which will result in file fileid being sent.

Binary PostScript files containing images of the IFIP Newsletter pages are available only through ftp (from the software. watson.ibm.com repository) and through Bitnet (from the listserv at cern repository). Other users may access the same information in the form of ASCII files containing the individual articles from the Newsletter.

The IFIP database facilities have been created by Mr. Howard Funk (USA), an IFIP vice president, with the assistance of Mr. Nick Trio (USA) of the IBM Corporation and Mr. Olivier Martin (CH) of CERN.

Technical Committee and Working Group chairmen are encouraged to add information about their organizations to the database, which can be accessed by the millions of Internet and Bitnet subscribers. Chairmen may send requests for this service to hlfunk@watson.ibm.com (Internet) or hlfunk at watson (Bitnet).

A special ftp repository has also been established in Hamburg for information about IFIP Congress '94. To access this database, issue the command
ftp ftp.informatik.uni-hamburg.de
and follow steps 2-7 listed above. As stated earlier, the Congress files are also available on the two complete IFIP databases.

Prof. Niklaus Wirth (CH) opened the workshop with an invited keynote lecture on “30 Years of Programming Languages and Compilers.” He summarized his occasionally provocative talk as follows:

The first part of this talk was a brief review of the development of high-level programming languages, whose essential purpose is to let the programmer formulate programs in terms of abstractions, i.e., in terms of structures independent of those offered by individual computers. We regard Algol 60 as the ancestor of high-level languages. Languages designed by this author [Wirth] reflect the continuous evolution of programming methodology during the subsequent decades: Pascal originated around 1970 and reflects the ideas of structured programming; Modula-2 (1980 and later) reflects those of modular programming; and Oberon (1990) those of object-oriented programming. During these three epochs, the subjects of program design and software engineering have made substantial advances.

The second part of the presentation started with the question whether today’s programmers in general make use of this progress. In view of the current spread of the programming language C, the answer is rather negative, since C — because of its lack of guarded abstractions — must be equated with low-level languages of the 60s rather than with high-level languages of the Algol line. Particularly regrettable is the broad and uncritical acceptance of C in education, where learning method and abstraction, learning to choose appropriate, structured representations, and learning clear and concise formulation should be the primary goal.

In the last part of the talk, a number of suggestions were offered for reversing the current trend. Among them was reflection about what is truly essential in Computer Science education: that academic education influence practice in industry and commerce.

The next event of this series on compiler construction, CC ’94, is scheduled for April 1994 in Edinburgh.
mouse), and in some cases hearing (for some alarms). When people lack one or more of these skills, they need to replace the standard interface by another one appropriate to their abilities.

- **Cognitive performance.** Often, mentally-impaired people are not expected to be computer users. On the contrary, computers can provide a huge help in their rehabilitation, communication, and social integration. Adaptive interfaces that can correspond to the cognitive capacities of users have to be developed.

- **Procedure comprehension.** In some other cases, people not used to manipulating computers have difficulties in understanding the procedures for use of the device.

Some Previous Initiatives in the Field of Technology and PSN

A number of international initiatives have been taken to encourage and facilitate the use of computers by PSN. Their objective is to break the isolation of PSN and enhance their social integration. To this end, they promote the adaptation of standard computers to PSN and/or the design of specifically user-oriented devices.

These initiatives include the following: the Industry/Government Cooperative Initiative on Computer Accessibility in the U.S.A.; the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) Sub-Technical Committee on Human Factors on the topic of "Telecommunication Facilities for People with Special Needs"; the European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) Project 219 on "Future Telecommunications and Teleinformatics Facilities for Disabled People"; and several projects within the Commission of the European Communities RACE and TIDE Programmes (Research and Development in Advanced Communication Technologies in Europe, and Technology for the Social-Economic Integration of Disabled and Elderly People).

All these initiatives aim to promote the use of information processing technology to help PSN in their daily lives. As mentioned above, one of the most important problems that PSN find in using standard computers is that the HC interface does not fit their needs. Frequently, the more complex and sophisticated the interface is, the more difficult it is to adapt to PSN. So, it is very important that the designers have in mind from the beginning of the design process these special needs for alternative access to computer. The use of different interfaces according to the needs of the user can no longer be the result of a patchwork process, but should be decided in the design process.

Conclusion

It is considered that an IFIP Working Group on Human Computer Interaction and People with Special Needs will be able to provide an important international scientific forum for gathering, exchanging, focusing and disseminating the latest developments in both research and application. (The Scope and Aims of WG13.3 were printed on page 7 of the December 1992 IFIP Newsletter. — Ed.)

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CNOM and GWG6.6 have been working together as a team to develop both these sympoisa.

Since 1990, GWG6.6 and CNOM have also been organizing the International Workshops on Distributed Systems: Operations and Management (DSOM), which take place every October. DSOM ’93 will take place October 5-6 in Long Branch, New Jersey and will be hosted by AT&T Bell Laboratories. For more information, contact

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