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TC9 Updating Report to TA and Council 2007

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Part 1: Council

a. Meetings held and scheduled

The TC held a meeting on 24 September 2006 in Maribor. The next TC9 meeting is scheduled for 28 September 2007 in London

b. Changes in membership and officers

New national representatives for:

India: Prof Mini Ulanat

Serbia: Čedomir Šuljagić

Changes of WG officers:

Sadly the Chairperson of WG9.1, Roberta Lamb, died last November. Professor Steve Sawyer of Pennsylvania State University has been appointed as new chair of WG9.1. Penny Duquenoy was re-elected Chair of WG9.2 for a further 3 years.

c. Activities

The IFIP-TC9 HCC7, in Maribor, 21-22 September 2006 was a great success. It had a high quality programme and a wide international participation. Jacques Berleur and Markku Nurminen are Programme Committee co-chairs and Franci Pivec organizing chair.

The planning of HCC8 has started. The conference will take place in Pretoria, South Africa, in late September 2008. The theme of the conference will be 'Social Dimensions of ICT policy'. Prof C. Avgerou and Prof Peter van den Besselaar will be programme chairs and Professor Carina de Villiers of Pretoria University organizing chair.

d. Updates on working groups' activities

WG 9.1 on Computers and work

Prof Roberta Lamb University had started planning activities to re-activate the group and expand its scope and membership. She held an informal meeting at the HCC7 conference in Maribor and formed a small group to organize a workshop in June 2007, prior to the ECIS conference in St Gallen, with the objective of attracting attention and re-launching WG9.1. The new chair, Steve Sawyer, continues working on the organization of the workshop.

WG9.2 Social Accountability

Changes of membership and officers

Membership:

2 new members: Franci Pivec, Veronique Laurent
3 members left: Dick Sizer (retired), Colin Beardon (retired), Jan Holvast (transferred to WG9.6/11.7)

No changes of officers: At the January meeting in Namur Penny Duquenoy was re-elected Chair for a further 3 years.

Chris Zielinski agreed to continue as Vice Chair.

Kai Kimppa agreed to continue as Secretary.

Events and activities, held and scheduled

Events held:

None.

Events scheduled:

Third International Summer School jointly organised by IFIPWG9.2, 9.6/11.7 in cooperation with FIDIS Network of Excellence “The Future of Identity in the Information Society” to be held at Karlstad University, Sweden, 6th-10th August 2007.

Business meetings, held and scheduled

Meetings held:

January 2007, Namur, Belgium Present: 16 members, 2 guests, 11 apologies.

Meetings scheduled:

August, 2007, Karlstad, Sweden.

Publications

The Information Society: Innovation, Legitimacy, Ethics and Democracy.

Penny Duquenoy, Philippe Goujon, Kai Kimppa, Sylvain Lavelle (Eds.)

Springer (Forthcoming)

SIG9.2.2 IFIP Framework on Ethics of Computing Report

Meetings:

Since our last report (Santiago GA), SIG922 (Ethics of Computing) met once, in Namur – January 2007.

Next meeting will take place in Karlstad, Sweden, in August 2007, at the occasion of the WG9.2 Summer School.

New members:

Véronique Laurent - B

Potential new members:

Mathias Klang SE, Norberto Patrignani (It): to be confirmed at the next meeting

Main tasks under way:

- Finalizing Monograph 3 to be submitted to the IFIP General Assembly members, as soon as possible: *National Ethics Committees: Suggestion for Functions, Form and Structure*
- Write a paper for the Wikipedia on Ethics of Computing: Deborah Johnson has written a first draft that is under review by the different SIG922 members.
- Work with UNESCO on the follow-up of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) about the “ethical dimension of the Information Society”. See: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21495&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Comment:

IFIP-SIG922 is wondering why it has not been associated to the project “IT Professionalism” while its mandate received from IFIP-GA explicitly covers that topics.

WG 9.3 Home Oriented Informatics and Telematics

Events

Preparation of a working conference in Chennai, India, on 22-25 August 2007 are well under way.

WG9.4 Social impact of computers in developing countries

Meetings held and scheduled

The WG has not held any meeting since the 28 May 2005 meeting held at the Abuja conference. The next business meeting is scheduled for May 2007 in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

Changes in Membership and Officers

We received one new membership application from the United Arab Emirate. This is a welcome development as the working group is looking to increase membership especially from this region.

Working group activities

- Preparation for the 2007 Conference in Sao Paolo, Brazil in May 2007 has started. Papers have been received and the review process concluded. The response has been quite positive based on the number of papers received so far.

Events

WG 9.4 is planning a joint two day regional conference with the University of Pretoria, South Africa to hold their Centennial Anniversary. The theme of the conference is: Towards an ICT research agenda for African development

Publications

The special issue of the Journal of IT for Development containing selected papers from the 8th conference in Abuja has been published.

Progress and status

We are planning for the 2008 joint conference.

WG9.5 Virtuality and Society

The Group is co-organizing the conference on 'Virtuality and Virtualization' with WG 8.2, which will take place in Portland, Oregon, US in July 2007.

WG9.6/11.7 IT Misuse and the Law

Events scheduled

A summer School is scheduled to be organised jointly with WG9.2, in Karlstad University, Sweden, 6th-10th August 2007

WG 9.7 History of Computing

Meetings held and scheduled

The working group held one meeting in 2006 during the History of Computing in Education 2 (HCE2) Conference of the 2006 IFIP WCC in Santiago, Chile, Tuesday, 22 August, at 17:45, in Room 8 of the Convention Center of Catholic University (CEUC). The notes from this meeting will appear shortly on the <<http://www.CompHist.org>> website.

Changes in membership and officers

The officers in 2006 remained the same: John Impagliazzo as chair and Gerrard Verroust as vice chair. In 2007, the officers of WG 9.7 are John Impagliazzo as chair and Arthur Tatnall as vice chair. Membership for the working group has increased to seventy professionals, historians, and interested parties.

Working group activities

The main activity for 2007 will be a discussion and revision of the Aims and Scope of the working group. The working group also plans to expand slightly its membership to include individuals from diverse communities who are computer historians, computer pioneers, or have an interest in computing history.

Events

In 2006, WG 9.7 engaged in three events that provided it increased visibility and prominence. The events are as follows.

1. A high-profile conference on "Perspectives on Soviet and Russian Computing" (SoRuCom), 2006 July 3-5, in Petrozavodsk, Russia.
Status: As previously reported, the conference was outstanding – even electrifying! Many Soviet computing pioneers and academicians attended the event. The conference organizers published pre-conference abstracts in Russian. IFIP Springer will be publishing the official post-conference proceedings. <<http://sorucm.karelia.ru>> is the conference website.
2. "Second Conference on the History of Computing and Education" (HCE2), 2006 August 21-24 in Santiago, Chile. Sponsored by WG 9.7 (TC9) together with TC3. The conference had taken place at the 2006 IFIP World Computer Congress in Santiago, Chile.
Status: This HCE2 conference was similar to the HCE1 conference in Toulouse and followed a similar format. Springer published the proceedings from the conference and TC9 and TC3 are to share the proceeds 2/3 and 1/3,

respectively. Deryn Watson was the invited HCE2 keynote and she made her presentation in conjunction with the TC3 conference.

3. "Pioneering Software in the 1960s in the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium", 2006 November 2-4, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Wilfried Brauer of Germany and Gerard Alberts of the Netherlands were the co-chairs of the symposium.

Status: This event was "in cooperation" with WG 9.7 and its formal organization and publication of proceedings were external to IFIP.

Publications

In 2006, IFIP Springer has published the proceedings from the HCE2 conference as a "Blue Book" and will share proceeds with TC3 at the rate of two-thirds for TC9 and one-third for TC3. In 2007, IFIP Springer plans to publish the post-conference proceedings from the SoRuCom and HiNC2 conferences.

Progress and status

The WG chair is organizing one conference where WG 9.7 is the major sponsor. The event is:

1. "History of Nordic Computing 2" (HiNC2), 2007 August 21-23, Turku, Finland. Jouko Ruissalo is the Program Chair and Timo Järvi is the conference chair. The conference website is <<http://hinc2.utu.fi/>>. The IFIP Event Form received approval and the event appears on the IFIP conference website.

Status: Formal organization of the event is now underway. The WG Chair is a member of the Organizing Committee and will be a co-editor of the proceedings.

TC9 attendance statistics

The WG 9.7 chair has attended all TC9 meetings since 2001. These include Namur, Belgium, in 2001 and 2002; Athens, Greece, in 2003; Farnham, England, in 2004; Warsaw, Poland in 2005; Maribor, Slovenia in 2006. He hopes to attend the 2007 meeting in London, England.

Future Conferences

WG9.7 will again work with TC3 to have a presence at WCC-08 (in Milan) with the next version of History of Computing and Education (HCE3). For the following WCC, WG 9.7 would like to run a more general conference on History of Computing (not just education) based on interests for paper submissions and conference interest. WG 9.7 welcomes views on this approach.

Other items

IFIP needs to establish a financial model to support travel for working group principals to TC9 meetings and events. The WG 9.7 Chair has attended TC9 functions mostly at his own personal expense.

Any other items you wish to include

The current website of WG 9.7 is <<http://www.CompHist.org>>. All suggestions for improving the working group are welcome.

WG9.8 Women and Information Technology

Plans for a workshop have been postponed due to illness of the chairperson.

WG 9.9 ICT and Sustainable Development

No updates to report

Part 2 – Technical Assembly

Nothing to report for Technical Assembly