

Dutch Computer Society (NGI) Report to GA 2004

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PART I. Review of activities

Major activities

The activities of the NGI mainly take place in the special interest groups (13) and the regions (8). During the last two years, a number of special interest groups has been dissolved due to lack of activities. Unfortunately, no new groups have been established and this is an issue of concern for the board of the NGI. During the last year efforts are made to (re)establish contacts with other groups and societies and options for closer cooperation are investigated. Interestingly, one of these groups is a society on health informatics which has previously been a special interest group of the NGI but separated many years ago (like IMIA separated from IFIP where it had been a TC in the beginning).

More than one hundred activities are organized annually by the special interest groups and regions. They vary from presentations in an evening session to full day conferences, covering the whole spectrum of information technology. NGI as a main body does no longer organize major conferences because of the financial risks involved. Each year the NGI supports and cooperates with other organizations in a number of events. An area where the NGI is particularly active is education.

Besides being a member of IFIP, the NGI is also member of CEPIS. The NGI is the license holder for the ECDL activities in the Netherlands. The work in this area is done by the Dutch ECDL foundation.

The NGI is, together with the Belgian computer society SAI and the publishing company TenHagen Stam, owner of a monthly journal on informatics (Informatie) and this journal is included in the membership fee. The journal includes information about the society, but the NGI aims at servicing its members mainly via website and e-mail.

As far as IFIP events in the Netherlands are concerned, since GA 2003 two events took place and two events are scheduled for the remainder of 2004.

Workshop on e-Government	9.12.2003 Amsterdam, NL	http://falcon.ifs.uni-linz.ac.at/news/jurix03-cfp.html vanEngers@lri.jur.uva.nl	IFIP WG8.5
Workshop on Stochastic Integer Programming	24-26.5.2004 Groningen, NL	http://mally.eco.rug.nl/WorkshopSIP.html m.h.van.der.vlerk@eco.rug.nl	Universiteit Groningen IFIP WG7.7

International Conference on Entertainment Computing	ICEC 2004	1-3 September Eindhoven, NL	http://www.icec.id.tue.nl g.w.m.rauterberg@tue.nl	IFIP SG16, ACM TU - Eindhoven
9th Intl.Conf.on Personal Wireless Communications	PWC 2004	21-23 September Delft, NL	http://www.pwc2004.irctr.tudelft.nl i.g.m.m.niemegeers@ewi.tudelft.nl	IFIP WG6.8, KPN

IFIP representation

As of August 1, 2004 the NGI is represented in the TC's by the following persons:

- TC-1 Prof.dr. Jos Baeten, Eindhoven University of Technology (josb@win.tue.nl)
Prof.dr. Peter van Emde Boas, Universiteit van Amsterdam (expert member)
Prof.dr. Grzegorz Rozenberg, Leiden University (expert member)
- TC-2 Prof.dr.ir. Jan van Katwijk, Delft University of Technology (j.vankatwijk@its.tudelft.nl)
- TC-3 Mrs.dr. Anneke Hacquebard, Consultant on Informatics and Education (inf-ondw@planet.nl)
Drs. Tom van Weert, Hogeschool Utrecht (expert member, vice-chair of TC-3)
- TC-5 *vacancy (a representative is likely to be appointed in September)*
- TC-6 Prof.dr.ir. Ignas Niemegeers, Delft University of Technology (i.niemegeers@its.tudelft.nl)
- TC-7 Prof.ir. Adrie Beulens, Wageningen University (Adrie.Beulens@wur.nl)
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- TC-10 Prof.dr.ir. Henk-Jan Sips, Delft University of Technology (h.j.sips@its.tudelft.nl)
- TC-11 Leon Strous RE CISA, De Nederlandsche Bank (chairman of TC-11) (strous@iae.nl)
- TC-12 Prof.dr. Joost Kok, Leiden University (joost@liacs.nl)
- TC-13 Dr. Gerrit van der Veer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (gerrit@cs.vu.nl)
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The past year effort was put into completing the list of representatives. The forthcoming year will be devoted to promote the activities of IFIP more active in the Netherlands and to stimulate people to participate in working groups.

PART II. Input to IFIP

As already reported in previous years, the last couple of years have been very difficult for the NGI. Membership dropped drastically (about 3.000 now) and a lot of effort was put into investigating the causes and into restructuring and revitalising the society. Very fundamental discussions have been conducted about the aims and scope, membership, cooperation with other organizations, etcetera. All these efforts have surprisingly lead to the conclusion that there should be no drastic change in aim, scope, activities and membership. Instead, visibility was a keyword. In other words, let the world know what you are doing and what you have to offer. I think that is something that applies to IFIP as well.

Fortunately, the decrease in membership has been stopped and we are slowly on our way back. During the last year NGI succeeded in stopping the financial losses and making some small profit again. For the administration and secretariat a new bureau was selected.

Cooperation with many organizations is strived for. Strengthening the ties with the academia in the Netherlands and stimulating the organization of IFIP events in our country is an important goal for the short term future.

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Chairman of IFIP TC-11