

SLOVENIAN SOCIETY INFORMATIKA

REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006

1. GENERAL

Slovenian Society INFORMATIKA has been established in 1976. The operation of the SSI is regulated by statute and standing orders that are adopted by the Executive Committee which is the governing body of the SSI. The Executive Committee has twelve members: President, President Honorary, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and members (see attachment 1). A three member Supervisory Board is monitoring the work of the Executive Committee. There are two active chapters: Operations Research and Language. In 1998 the SSI has adopted a code of conduct.

In December 2005 the Ministry of High Education, Science and Sport has granted the SSI a status of a society whose operation is in public interest. In 2005 the Executive Committee passed two standing orders by which financial and ECDL operations are more strictly defined.

At the time of this report the SSI has 356 members of which 341 are regular members and 25 honorary members. Financial standing has been satisfactory throughout the period covered by this report.

2. ACTIVITIES

2.1 Publications

The SSI publishes three publications: a scientific quarterly Informatika, started in 1976 a professional quarterly Uporabna informatika (Applied Informatics), started in 1992, and web pages (www.drustvo-informatika.si) which are regarded as an on-line publication. At the same address the web dictionary is accessible (www.islovar.com).

The SSI publishes also special publications. In 2005 proceedings from the international symposium on operations research were published and in 2006 the proceedings from the annual conference, both organized by the SSI.

2.2. EVENTS

2.2.1 Annual Conference

As of 1992 the SSI organizes an open annual conference Dnevi slovenske informatike (Days of Slovenian Informatics). Participants come from industry, government, and universities. Notable foreign speakers are invited every year. In April 2006 the conference took place in Portorož, Slovenia, where more than 400 participants spent three days in presenting their work and getting up to date with the latest domestic and foreign developments. Information is available at www.dsi2006.si.

2.2.2 International Symposium on Operations Research

The Chapter for OR organizes biannual international symposium which has taken place in September 2005 in Nova Gorica, Slovenia. Over 80 participants of which nearly one half came from abroad spent three days in presenting their work.

2.3 Other Activities

2.3.1 ECDL

In 2000 the SSI was granted the license by the ECDL Foundation in Dublin, Ireland, to introduce and distribute the ECDL in Slovenia. The project has been started as a low cost operation gaining momentum only slowly until recently when the government decided to actively take part in the project. In the last year the number of test centers has increased and also the number of skills cards has arisen considerably.

2.3.2 Day of Informatics

After some time of stagnation in 2005 the SSI initiative supported also by the industry and universities to start an event under the name of Day of Informatics has been welcomed by the government. It is planned that the initiative would result in various activities carried out within a short period of a few days to raise awareness of importance of information technology and its impact on the society.

3 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

3.1 IFIP

As of 1998 the SSI is a full member of IFIP. It appointed representatives to all TCs (see attachment 2). The representation is regularly updated upon request of representatives themselves or upon advice of TC Chairs. President Niko Schlamberger has been elected Vice-President in 2003 after having served as IFIP Trustee.

3.2 CEPIS

In 1998 the SSI has become a full member of Council of European Professional Informatics Societies. The SSI has been active in CEPIS and Niko Schlamberger has been elected Secretary Honorary in 2003.

3.3 IT STAR

Upon a joint initiative by the SSI and IFIP in 2001 a regional body has been established under the name of IT STAR (Information Technology Standing Regional Committee) where also the Austrian, Italian, and Hungarian computer societies took part. The goal was to create a platform for collaboration of IT practitioners. Since then the membership has increased to 13 computer societies. The IT STAR publishes a web based quarterly newsletter (<http://www.starbus.org>), has two meetings a year and is about to announce a new service (IT Professional Pool) to its constituencies.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 EUCIP

A plan has been approved to introduce EUCIP in Slovenia. First introductory meeting has been held and interested parties to collaborate in the project were identified. The business plan is expected.

4.2 DAY OF INFORMATION SOCIETY

Activities to increase awareness and visibility of IT have been started in collaboration with the Ministry of High Education, Science and Sport where also industry has shown interest. The initial idea of that Day of informatics has been upgraded and the recommendation of WSIS 05 where Slovenia has been represented will very probably be followed. It is envisaged that a memorandum of understanding would be signed by the Ministry, the SSI, universities and industry.

4.3 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SSI

In summer 2006, 30 years have passed since the establishment of the SSI. It is planned that the anniversary would be celebrated in a rather ceremonial way.

4.4 HCC7

Maribor, Slovenia, will host the IFIP HCC7 conference from September 21 to 23, this year. The event is expected to attract respectable national audience and notable foreign speakers.

4.5 MEMBERSHIP IN IFORS

The Executive Committee has passed a decision that the chapter of OR officially apply for membership in the International Federation for Operation Research. The application has been approved and a full membership of the SSI COR is expected later this year.

Submitted respectfully,

Niko Schlamberger,

President

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