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## Editorial

by Dr. Roger Johnson

Welcome to this first issue of electronic **IFIP News**. IFIP's Executive Board is keen to improve communication between all members of the worldwide "IFIP family" and those currently responsible for managing IFIP's affairs.

I was honoured to be asked by the President to contribute this short editorial although I am not sure why he selected me – possibly because as IFIP's Secretary my job title suggests that I should take some responsibility for writing and also I was lucky to be born with English as my native tongue!

We hope to produce a number of issues of **IFIP News** each year. The next is pencilled in for mid-June when we hope to bring you more news of this summer's major IFIP events.

We have decided that it will not usually be printed on paper but instead we will circulate its URL by email. It will be produced in PDF so that you can print it if you wish.

The Executive Committee hope that you will find that **IFIP News** provides a useful information service. We would also welcome your comments on its style and content to assist us provide you with a useful service.

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## World IT Forum 2005



The second World IT Forum (WITFOR) is to be held in Gaborone, Botswana from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005. The message from Festus Gontebanye Mogae, President of Botswana, who is the Honorary Conference Chairperson says:

*"The Government of the Republic of Botswana, in collaboration with the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) and UNESCO, is proud to host the second World Information Technology Forum (WITFOR) from the 31st August to*

*2nd September 2005 in Gaborone. The purpose of the WITFOR Conference is to help implement information development strategies and projects in developing countries. The conference will also address issues critical to developing countries such as the role of ICT in fighting HIV/AIDS, poverty and bridging the digital divide. The anticipated outcome of WITFOR 2005 is to develop and foster a clear statement of political will and a concrete plan of action for achieving the goals of the Information Society, while fully reflecting all the different interests at stake.*

*This will be submitted to the UNESCO General Conference in 2005 for adoption as the 'Gaborone Declaration'. WITFOR 2005 will be an opportunity for Botswana to demonstrate its efforts in representing the developing countries' ambitions to keep pace with on going technological transformations and enhance their presence within the globalised communication fora. I wish to assure you that this will be a unique event as we in Botswana arrive at consensus on the most divergent interests and issues in a very friendly and cordial manner. In Botswana we have our traditional democratic consultative fora or "Kgotle" enriched with the concept of "Botho" which symbolises recognition and respect for others opinions. You are invited to WITFOR 2005 and to participate in the development of the Gaborone Declaration."*

See <http://www.witfor.org.bw/witfor/index.html> for further details. Attendance will be restricted to 700 delegates. Sponsorship has been obtained to pay delegates' registration fee but everyone wishing to attend will need to supply a short statement of their interests to have their registration accepted.

## WCCE 2005: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

The 8<sup>th</sup> IFIP World Conference on Computers in Education (WCCE 2005) will be held near Cape Town, South Africa from 4 to 7 July 2005. The conference venue is University of Stellenbosch situated in a charming academic village less than 30km from the Cape Town International Airport.

The International Programme Committee received nearly 500 proposals for papers, workshops, demonstrations and panel sessions. Of these 200 were selected for inclusion in the conference programme. The accepted proposals cover a wide range of issues around "What Works" and some honest reports on "What did not Work". (See [www.wcce2005.org.za](http://www.wcce2005.org.za) or go directly to [www.sbs.co.za/wcce2005/](http://www.sbs.co.za/wcce2005/))



In addition to an exciting conference programme, Stellenbosch offers the visitor many tourist attractions: The wine route, the whale route and a range of experiences from hiking to shopping. (See [www.Stellenbosch.org.za](http://www.Stellenbosch.org.za))



An exciting conference, a fascinating travel destination – we trust we will see you in Stellenbosch in July.

## SEARCC 2005

The most important IT event in Australia in decades is being held by the Australian Computer Society at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2005. Hundreds of IT professionals will gather at Sydney's leading venue, the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Attendees will represent the diversity of roles played by IT professionals including:

- CIOs, MIS managers and senior IT executives
- IT managers, including storage managers, database managers, network managers, online and other technology managers
- IT professionals
- ICT industry leaders
- Thought leaders and visionaries specialising in IT

Combining several of the most important Australian IT conferences with the leading regional IT event, ICT Building Bridges will bring together leading CIOs and IT professionals from Australia and Southeast Asia to explore critical issues and debate strategies in maximising the potential of information and communications technology.

ICT Building Bridges will bring together thought leaders to explain their strategic vision for IT in business and government. Streams will explore how IT can make business more successful and how IT can be better used to serve citizens and government. An exciting Innovation stream will look at new technology and the opportunities and challenges it poses for organisations.

See <http://www.acs.org.au/searcc05/>

## Bids Invited for WCC 2008

Council agreed to invite all IFIP Member Societies to bid to hold the IFIP World Congress in 2008. The President will send formal invitations to Member Societies. The winning bid will be selected by GA in Gaborone on September 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2005. Full details are available in the IFIP Congress Guidelines at [www.ifip.or.at/guidelines/guide.html](http://www.ifip.or.at/guidelines/guide.html)

## Electronic Forum on Future Pattern of Major Events

General Assembly 2004 accepted an offer from Jean-Claude Laprie to host an electronic discussion forum for GA members to discuss the pattern of major events from 2010 onwards. At present World Congress and WITFOR take place in alternate years. IFIP is committed to holding a World Congress in 2008.

2010 marks a historic milestone for IFIP being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IFIP's foundation. This will be marked by a

major celebratory conference although no details have yet been decided.

Consequently General Assembly welcomes views on what IFIP should do from 2011 onwards. The electronic forum is at <http://www.laas.fr/WCCvision>. Access is controlled by password. If you do not have a password please contact Jean-Claude Laprie at [laprie@laas.fr](mailto:laprie@laas.fr).



The IFIP World Computer Congress 2006 will take place in Santiago de Chile, locally organized by the Chilean Computer Science Society (SCCC – [www.sccc.cl](http://www.sccc.cl)) with the official support of the Convention Bureau Tourism Promotion Corporation, Metropolitan Regional Council, National Tourism Board, and National Council of Science and Technology-CONICYT. This WCC will be the first one to be hosted by a latin-american country.

One of the goals of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP – [www.ifip.org](http://www.ifip.org)) is to strengthen relationships between researchers and industry representatives in the vast field of Information Technology (IT). Accordingly, the International Program Committee (IPC) plans to structure a strong and interesting program with special focus on IT industry needs and Transfer Technology.

Proceedings of IFIP WCC 2006 will be published by *Springer Science and Business Media* (SSBM).

The full list of co-located conferences is being finalised. So far the following are committed to WCC 2006:

**BICC:** 1<sup>st</sup> IFIP International Conference on Biologically Inspired Collaborative Computing

**MWCN:** 8<sup>th</sup> IFIP International Conference on Mobile and Wireless Communications Networks

**NET-CON:** 5<sup>th</sup> IFIP Int. Conference on Network Control & Engineering for QoS, Security and Mobility

**HCE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> IFIP International Conference on the History of Computing in Education

**AIAI:** 3<sup>rd</sup> IFIP International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Applications and Innovations

**CLEI 2006:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Latin-America Conference on Informatics

**JCC 2006:** Chilean Computing Week

More information can be found in <http://www.wcc-2006.org>



IFIP has been invited to co-sponsor a 3-day WSIS-2005 preconference "Past, Present and Future of Research in the Information Society". This follows the good experience of cooperating with several IC-SU affiliated societies and organizations in a conference at World Summit WSIS-2003 in Geneva organized by Mr Morel and Mr Cornu. IFIP's President has accepted the invitation to join the International Program Committee. Besides IFIP and ICSU, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), National Science Foundations of USA (NSF), China (NNSF)

and South Africa are supporting the event as well as World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO and several well-reputed universities (British Columbia, Columbia-U, Ghana, Nairobi, Michigan, Santa Clara and Stanford) and INTEL (partly as sponsors but mostly at the Program Committee level). IFIP will present themes related to Ethics, Education, Security, Development as well as the Gabarone Declaration in two sessions.

### News of the IFIP Family

Council welcomed back **Prof Otto Spaniol** from Aachen University of Technology, Germany as the new TC6 Chair and **Prof Chrisanthi Avgerou** from the London School of Economics, UK as TC9 Chair.

**Prof Annelise Pejtersen** from Risø

National Laboratory, Roskilde, Denmark has become the new TC13 chair.

**Robert Iau**, former Secretary General of IFIP Affiliate, SEARCC, died suddenly on Saturday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2005.

IFIP President read a short letter to Council from **Yana Lambert** saying that she had now returned to work in a different part of Springer SBM. She thanked GA members for their good wishes and wished IFIP continued success.

## Jottings from Council 2005

Council 2005 was hosted by the Korean Information Systems Society (KISS). KISS was supported by the Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) and NIPA, the Korean Internet Name Registration Authority. Council met at POSTECH and the meetings benefited from the excellent facilities. KISS also organised a very interesting and varied accompanying persons programme which was much appreciated.

### **Membership**

The Council meeting in Korea showed IFIP in good heart. The membership stands at a record high of 49 with an application from Zambia already lodged for consideration at General Assembly in late August. Council was informed that a new Portuguese member, APDSI, would take over from API at the end of 2005. IFIP Affiliate ICCS was wound up at the end of 2004.

### **Membership Relations**

During the Council the first meeting was held of the Membership Relations Committee. With representatives from a wide range of Member Societies, the committee intends to look for opportunities to improve the value of IFIP membership to national members. The Committee would also value suggestions for initiatives

aimed at increasing the value of IFIP membership.

### **Congress Steering Committee**

At GA 2004, in the light of experience at WCC 2002, it was agreed to establish a Congress Committee to monitor the build-up to WCCs and to provide a source of advice based on past experience to ensure that organisers of future WCCs can enjoy the benefit of the experience of previous events.

At its initial meeting the Committee heard reports on WCC 2004 and also an update on WCC 2006. Following expressions of concern at the high breakeven given at GA 2004, the organisers of WCC 2006 have substantially reduced their costs by finding a new Congress Centre and other changes. This has substantially strengthened the budget.

### **Web site content**

The Marketing Committee is to undertake an overdue comprehensive re-design of the IFIP web site. Professional assistance will be obtained to design page layouts. Contents will be provided and maintained through the Secretariat. The site has recently been made Firefox compliant.

### **Web site & list server hosting**

Council welcomed an offer from OCG, IFIP's Austrian member society, to take over hosting the IFIP web site and listserver from the Technical University, Vienna who are no longer allowed to provide such services. Council thanked TWU for their support since IFIP moved to Vienna.

## New Publications Contract

During 2004, KAP and Springer-Verlag merged to form Springer Science and Business Media (SSBM). Most important to the IFIP community is the housing of the main IFIP series and those titles published as part of LNCS under the same publishing roof. In fact, the two series are both in the same global editorial department (Computer Science), and each is handled by a Publishing Director. The two Directors, Jennifer Evans and Alfred Hofmann, are charged with coordinating the entire Springer computer science program worldwide. Thus there is detailed and regular communication about the IFIP series.

IFIP still has a single point of contact, Jennifer Evans, Publishing Director Americas. As the official IFIP publisher since 1998, SSBM remain committed to IFIP's publication program and will continue to work hard for IFIP.

Please note there is a new email address for correspondence: [IFIP@springer-sbm.com](mailto:IFIP@springer-sbm.com).

Volume editors can enlist help at: [authorsupport@springer-sbm.com](mailto:authorsupport@springer-sbm.com).

### **IFIP Online**

SSBM are launching the IFIP digital library—termed differently so as not to be confused with the ACM Digital Library. It is planned to supplement the existing print book series with an online series carrying the same content. The added value of the online series is its e-functionality (for users) and its tenure value (for contributors).

In addition to the present print practice, which will continue, the content will be added to SpringerLink. A new series (with ISSN), consisting of 20 volumes annually, would be announced to the library market. Twenty volumes/year is a conservative estimate to ensure zero slip-page.

### **Good year in 2004**

Sales of the 28 titles published in the last six months of 2004 totalled over €320,000. Total year-end revenue exceeded €423,000. Bulk sales accounted for about half of 2004 revenue. Royalties due to IFIP total €55,324.94 for the second half of 2004.

## For your diary – forthcoming events

EVENT	Date / Location
3rd Intl. Symposium on Modeling & Optimization in Mobile, Ad Hoc & Wireless Networks	03-07.04.2005 Riva del Garda, IT
UK Symposium on KDD <a href="http://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~frans/ukkdd2005.html">http://www.csc.liv.ac.uk/~frans/ukkdd2005.html</a>	06.04.2005 Liverpool, UK
Symposium on Trustworthy Global Computing <a href="http://www.cs.unibo.it/~sangio/TGC05">http://www.cs.unibo.it/~sangio/TGC05</a>	08-11.04.2005 Edinburgh, UK
Work.Conf.on Home Oriented Informatics & Telematics	13-15.04.2005 York, UK
Integrated Production Management Workshop	28-29.04.2005 Ostrava, CZ
IFIP WG8.6 Work.Conf.on Business Agility & IT Diffusion	08-11.05.2005 Atlanta, GA, USA
Networking 2005 <a href="http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/Networking2005">http://www.cs.uwaterloo.ca/Networking2005</a>	09-13.05.2005 Waterloo, Ontario, CA
The 14th International World Wide Web Conference <a href="http://www.www2005.org">http://www.www2005.org</a>	10-14.05.2005 Chiba, JP
4th World Conference on Information Society Education	18-20.05.2005 Moscow, RU
International Symposium for Environmental Software System 2005 <a href="http://www.isess.org">http://www.isess.org</a>	24-27.05.2005 Sesimbra, PT
IFIP WG9.4 Work.Conf.on Enhancing Human Resource Development through ICT <a href="http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg94">http://is.lse.ac.uk/ifipwg94</a>	25-28.05.2005 Abuja, NG
Conference on Testing Communication Systems <a href="http://www.ece.concordia.ca/~dssouli/Testcom%20Folder/Testcom.html">http://www.ece.concordia.ca/~dssouli/Testcom%20Folder/Testcom.html</a>	30.05 - 2.06.2005 Montreal, CA
Joint Conference on Distributed Applications & Interoperable Systems, & Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems <a href="http://www.di.uoa.gr/dais-fmoods-2005/">http://www.di.uoa.gr/dais-fmoods-2005/</a>	14-17.06.2005 Athens, GR
International Workshop on Quality of Service <a href="http://www.fmi.uni-passau.de/iwqos/">http://www.fmi.uni-passau.de/iwqos/</a>	21-23.06.2005 Passau, DE
Landscapes of ICT & Social Accountability <a href="http://staff.cs.utu.fi/ifip/WG9.2_Conference_2005/">http://staff.cs.utu.fi/ifip/WG9.2_Conference_2005/</a>	27-29.06.2005 Turku, FI
Intl.Conf.on Dependable Systems & Networks <a href="http://www.dsn.org">http://www.dsn.org</a>	28.06.-1.07.2005 Yokohama, JP
Asia-Pacific Conference on Computer-Human Interaction <a href="http://www.apchi2004.org.nz">http://www.apchi2004.org.nz</a>	29.06.-02.07.2005 Rotorua, NZ
8th IFIP World Conf.on Computers in Education <a href="http://www.wcce2005.org.za">http://www.wcce2005.org.za</a>	4-7.07.2005 Stellenbosch, (Cape Town), ZA
7th European Agent Systems Summer School <a href="http://www.agentlink.org/happenings/easss/2005/index.html">http://www.agentlink.org/happenings/easss/2005/index.html</a>	18-22.07.2005 Utrecht, NL
22nd IFIP TC7 Conf.on System Modeling & Optimization <a href="http://www.polito.it/ifip2005">http://www.polito.it/ifip2005</a>	18-22.07.2005 Torino, IT
Working Group Conference "Knowledge Management for Educational Innovation"	23-26.07.2005 Hamamatsu, JP
Designing Ubiquitous Information Environments: Socio-Technical Issues & Challenges--IFIP 8.2 Annual Conference <a href="http://ifip2005.cwru.edu">http://ifip2005.cwru.edu</a>	01-03.08.2005 Cleveland, Ohio, USA