

TCCIT Database and Information Management Committee Meeting  
June 29, 2006  
Ascona, Switzerland

**Attendees:**

Ian Flood, Ian Smith, Tomasz Arciszewski , Hughes Rivard, Jim Garrett, Bill O'Brien, Lucio Soibelman, Renate Frucher, John Messner, Burcu Akinci, Feniosky Pena Mora, John Haymaker, Carlos Caldas, Raymond Issa, Kincho Law, Ioannis Brilakis

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Review agenda**

**3. Review committee activities past year, including tracks at ICCCBE-XI/ASCE conference**

ICCCBE-XI conference: The committee members reported on the sessions that they organized in this conference. Due to the committee members' initiatives, several papers were attracted to this ASCE sponsored event. The following sessions were organized by the DIM Committee:

- Session 185: Data Visualization in Augmented Reality - Chair: Vineet Kamat (University of Michigan)
- Session 191 Net-Based Collaboration in Construction - Chair: Lucio Soibelman (Carnegie Mellon University)
- Session 194 Design Knowledge Management - Chair: John Haymaker (Stanford University)
- Session 195 Value Added Data Mining in Design and Construction - Chair: Renate Fruchter (Stanford University)

**4. Discuss new initiatives – open call for discussion**

Lucio Soibelman reported on the upcoming 2007 ASCE Computing in Civil Engineering Conference that he is organizing. The conference theme will be on Advanced Infrastructure Systems. Multi-author position papers on the state of the art technology in key areas will be invited to open each session. These papers will afterwards be invited to participate in a Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering Special Issue. The Database and Information Management committee is supporting this event, and will send emails to its members asking for ideas regarding those key areas.

Also, the following suggestions were proposed and discussed:

- The committee's Chair should send an email to the mailing list with the website link and the proposed activities of the committee.
- The committee leadership should build a list of activities on the committee's website.  
This was uniformly endorsed by the attendees.

## **5. Discuss committee support for Global Center**

The committee was informed by Tomasz Arczewski and Ian Smith about the activities of the Global Center. Also, Carlos Caldas (DIM Chair), together with Bill O'Brien (IC Chair), informed the committee of their decision to support the review of the webinars' material on behalf of the committee.

## **6. Review current membership**

Following discussion at the last meeting, it was discussed potential ways to clean the membership roles as a prelude to engaging active members. Lucio Soibelman suggested that given the overlap in membership in the DIM and Intelligent Computing Committees that they be merged. After discussion, it was decided that TCCIT ExCom is responsible to discuss the merits of committee structure although it was unclear that changing structure will aid recruitment. Ian Flood noted the major issue was recruitment of new members. There was additional discussion about the need to clear member roles of inactive members. A minimum requirement might be attendance at least at every other committee meeting. A comment was made that such sanctions are appropriate, but warning must be given several times before removing inactive members from the role. As a first step, the committee unanimously decided to appoint the Secretary of the committee as the responsible for cleaning the membership list. This also serves a request from ExCom.

## **7. Review website development, propose updates**

No changes were suggested for the website other than to add committee activities.

## **8. Introduction and vote on new members**

John Messner, Burcu Akinci, and Jochen Teizer were unanimously elected as new members of the committee.

## **9. Other issues**

Next meeting will be at the Pittsburgh Conference in June, 2007.

**Meeting adjourned.**