

TCCIT Database and Information Management Committee Meeting
July 24, 2007
Pittsburgh, PA

Attendees:

Ian Flood, Julio Martinez, Sergio Scheer, Ivan Mutis, Yimin Zhu, Ioannis Brilakis, Guillermo Salazar, Raymond Issa, Feniosky Pena-Mora, Tomasz Arciszewski, Lucio Soibelman, Federico Bobadilla, William Rasdorf, Ian Smith, Carlos Caldas, William O'Brien, Hyunjoo Kim, Vineet Kamat.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Database and Information Management (DIM) and Intelligent Computing (IC) committees met in a joint meeting due to the large number of joint members.

2. Review agenda

Minutes from the last committee meeting in Ascona, Switzerland were approved.

3. Discuss committee support for ASCE Global Center

Tomasz Arciszewski informed the committee about the ASCE global center initiative and called for the active involvement of the community in the center's activities.

Feniosky Pena-Mora mentioned another ASCE initiative to connect US academics and researchers with their counterparts in Afghanistan.

Tomasz Arciszewski described the computing course modules being developed by the global center and the review process they undergo. Tomasz clarified that Renate Fruchter is managing the course module development process.

William O'Brien encouraged committee members to participate in the global center activities and to attend the scheduled meeting on the sidelines of the workshop.

4. Planning for the 2009 Computing Workshop

Carlos Caldas reported on DIM committee activities for the past year and noted the contributions of its members to the ASCE computing workshop and the global center. Carlos announced that the next computing workshop will be held in 2009 at the University of Texas in Austin.

William O'Brien discussed possible dates for organizing the 2009 workshop. The month of June was unanimously preferred for the workshop to be held. William mentioned that the format of the workshop would be the same as the 2007 workshop. William also mentioned that he had concluded a preliminary investigation of conference organizers in Austin.

5. DIM and IC Committee Leadership

Carlos Caldas explained the rotation process for the chair, vice-chair, and secretary of the DIM committee. Carlos mentioned that he is moving out of the chair position this year. The vice chair Hughes Rivard has expressed an interest in staying vice chair. Carlos mentioned that secretary Vineet Kamat has agreed to serve as next chair if elected.

Vineet Kamat was unanimously elected as incoming chair of DIM. Yimin Zhu was unanimously elected as incoming secretary of DIM.

Carlos Caldas also explained that in the IC committee, William O'Brien is moving out as chair. The vice chair Lucio Soibelman has indicated his inability to serve as chair, and that secretary Ioannis Brilakis has agreed to serve as next chair if elected.

Ian Flood suggested that William O'Brien continue to serve as the chair of IC for one more year, and that Ioannis Brilakis can serve as vice chair. The proposal was accepted by the committee and agreeable to William O'Brien.

Ioannis Brilakis was unanimously elected as vice chair of IC. John Messner was unanimously elected as incoming secretary of IC in absentia and pending his acceptance.

6. Introduction and vote on new members

Julio Martinez, Hyunjoo Kim, and Federico Bobadilla were unanimously elected as new members of DIM and IC.

Meeting adjourned.