

IFIP TC14 Entertainment Computing Meeting Minutes Part I & II

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Observers

Eric VAN DER SPEK [ES] (New TC14 Secretary, Netherlands)
Jannicke Baalsrud Hauge [JBH] (SGDA 2012 co-chair, Germany)

Video Link (Part II only)

Stephane NATKIN [SN] (rep. France)
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Mads Haadr [MH] (rep. Ireland)

Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the last TC14 meeting
- 2) Report on ICEC 2012
- 3) Working Group Activities
- 4) Changes of Officers and Members
- 5) Host for ICEC 2013
- 6) Proposal for ICEC 2014
- 7) Handbook of TC14
- 8) Any Other Business - AOB

Minutes:

Note: Meeting in two parts I & II, 13:30–14:00pm & 4:30–6pm respectively. Also note, agenda items not addressed in strict order (as above).

Part I

- Chair (RN) opens the session, ask all the attendees for a short introduction about themselves.
- Several members are joining the meeting video link.
- Only one member (PO) cannot make Part II meeting.
- Minutes of previous meeting are submitted for approval and are approved.

RN outlines background of TC14, his experience as Chair, about stepping down as Chair, and MR taking on role of TC14 Chair. MR outlines meeting of IFIP Technical Assembly in Amsterdam, 26th Sept, 2012, and that the General Assembly still needs to approve Matthias as Chair. If approved, HY will become Vice Chair and ES will become Secretary.

MR talks about Entertainment Computing (Ent Com) Journal published by Elsevier, emphasizing that it is TC14 journal and identifies need for Associate Editors. The blind review process is described; submitting TC14 members are left out of the review process. Ent Com does not have impact factor but will be indexed. Couple of special issues are currently under review. The rule of thumb for submission of papers to Ent Com that have previously come from conference is 1/3 reused, 1/3 rephrased and 1/3 new material. Members are encouraged to convince their home Universities to subscribe. Brief about royalties from Ent Com to TC14.

Part II

Report on ICEC 2012

[RM] Good idea to put ICEC together with Serious Games Development & Applications (SGDA 2012). For SGDA which is largely a European community it was good to expand to International ICEC community. The Workshops were well booked. Good idea to organize ICEC as single track following ICEC 2011; providing good discussion. Good quality submissions ~ 100. However, there were some unreliable reviewers. Of the participants, 70 registered early bird, 50 full, 50 students. Student volunteers received a deal, for working for 2 days registration waived. 160 people had name tags. Some people left after SGDA. Participants were 70%-80% European, not so many from US/Canada. One paper submitted as long paper was accepted as short paper so authors removed paper to try to resubmit elsewhere. Budget broke even.

WG Activities

MR Confirms working group on serious games (14.8) was approved in Amsterdam. TM (14.8 chair) provides overview of steps taken to establish working group and identifies founding members including RM (14.8 co-chair). [RM] As ICEC was co-located with SGDA it can be an activity of WGSG 14.8. DG states that WG Interactive TV will consider co-locating with ICEC in future. [DG] Interactive TV workshop proposed for ICEC 2012 cancelled because not enough registered: suggests that perhaps ICEC is focused on games the ITV people may not be interested. EC acknowledges that Brazil has a large ITV community. MR points out that events are normally organised by the working groups: for example, Interactive Storytelling have their own conference. DO confirms WG on robotics have their own conference.

Some discussion followed about the connection between games for change and serious games. SN argued that games for change should be separate from serious games and not part of the WGSG 14.8. TM, RM, JBH (SGDA 2012 Chair) argued that serious games encapsulate all games for purpose including games for change. Discussion around this topic continued for some time; nothing was resolved. MR proposed to send email to SN and TM to sort out this overlap.

MR says he is stepping down as Chair for 14.3 Theoretical Entertainment and RN will become the new Chair.

DO provides overview of Robotics WG. He has been involved in organising Eurobot for 10 years and is now looking for organisers in other countries. He is now intending to extend WG to Robotics in education and also extending to entertainment working towards WG on Art, Robotics and Entertainment.

Host ICEC 2013

EC Provides overview: HY accepts as Program Chair, and EC asked SF to be Program Chair but he has received no reply – if he does not accept then Flavio has agreed but EC needs to get back to confirm. Requests were made for TC14 to be Chairs e.g. Conference Advisory Committee, Workshop Chair, Industry

Chair, Doctorial Consortium Chair, Local Organiser. EC suggests that it might be a good idea to some how keep the organisers from this year ICEC 2012 for the organization of ICEC 2013. MR points out that ICEC has provided a template for running/organising ICEC but this has not been taken up. EC suggests that possible conference days for ICEC 2013 are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Proposal for ICEC 2014

TC14 members agreed that it might be best to accept the best proposal to host ICEC 2014 so not following the convention of US, Asia, Europe model. MR announces that currently we have three proposals for 2014: Sydney, Japan (perhaps co-locate) and Singapore (HD will contact the Singapore Tourist Board to assess interest). TM asks MR if Australian representative had been appointed to organize a proposal to host ICEC 2014 in Australia – MR said no. MR suggested that TM to investigate the possibility of Australia to host ICEC 2014. HD offers to help find a host in Australia for ICEC 2014.

Handbook of TC14

MR draws attention to the new handbook of TC14 that outlines the basic guidelines of how it should operate. MR asks for any comments or recommendations. DG suggests to update the scope of ITV. MR asks for any objects or acceptance of handbook: TC14 members approved handbook.

Change of officers and members.

RN informs TC14 members that a review of membership will be undertaken to remove any non active members and working groups.

AOB

New representative for Bulgaria announced.

TC14 members suggested that it may be difficult to meet in Brazil for next business meeting. Instead consensus was to hold the next business meeting in Europe. Discussion followed on the most suitable place for most members. Suggestion that it is held in a city with major hub airport. DO suggested next meeting to be organised in Prague. Also several other candidates such as Paris, Amsterdam, etc. were proposed.

END OF MEETING.