

IFIP TC14 Entertainment Computing Meeting Minutes

University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany.

June 1, 14:15 - ~18:00

Officers

Chair: Ryohei NAKATSU [RN]

Vice-chair: Matthias RAUTERBERG [MR]

Secretary: Erik VAN DER SPEK (proxy for Tim Marsh)

Participants

Present	Via Google+
Ryohei NAKATSU (TC chair) Matthias RAUTERBERG (rep. Netherlands, TC vice-chair, WG14.3 Chair)	
Paolo CIANCARINI [PC] (rep. Italy) Esteban CLUA [EC] (rep. Brazil) Marc HERRLICH (observer) Rainer MALAKA [RM] (rep. Germany) Stephane NATKIN [SN] (rep. France, WG14.4 chair) Zhigeng PAN [ZP] (rep. China) Lyn PEMBERTON [LP] (WG14.6 chair) Dominik RYZKO [DR] (proxy for the rep. of Poland) Naoka TOSA [NT] (WG14.7 chair) Erik VAN DER SPEK (observer)	Nuno CORREIA [NC] (rep. Portugal, joined 14:28) Henry DUH [HD] (rep. Singapore, joined 17:08) Sidney FELLS [SF] (rep. Canada) Nahum GERSHON [NG] (IEEE honorary member) Tim MARSH [TM] (ex-officio member) David OBDRZALEK [DO] (rep. Czech republic, WG14.2 chair) Hyun YANG [HY] (rep. Korea)

Agenda

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Progress of ICEC2012
3. Change of officers and members
4. Election of host ICEC2013
5. Handbook for TC14
6. Working group activities
7. Any other business

1. Acceptance of the minutes

Nobody had read the minutes, as they were not circulated beforehand. Tim Marsh sent out the minutes to all the members via e-mail during the meeting, and summarized them. Approval was postponed until later in the meeting, but this was not finished and postponed to next meeting. Action items were checked through; no urgent matters were left. TM moved from Singapore to Australia. There is still an ongoing discussion about the Australian representative. It was once again reiterated that the minutes should be short.

2. Progress and outline of ICEC2012

Conference venue is on the university campus of Bremen University (Germany), lunch for all participants, dinner location the “Brill bel étage”. So far 71 papers were submitted, the estimated acceptance rate will be 40%. Rainer Malaka asks members to encourage others to send in extra articles for the workshops and doctoral consortium (so far only one submission for the latter). Some reviews are very short or still missing, so the Program Chair suggests that a blacklist is created for unreliable reviewers. RM was thinking about making the workshops free of charge to get more people to attend the conference. Esteban Clua agreed to co-chair the doctoral consortium, if there were going to be more submissions (RM, MR and SN would see if they could send a few of their phd students). EC wants someone else to co-chair as well, which would be discussed outside of the TC14 meeting.

3. Change of officers and members

By IFIP law the position for IFIP-chair is 2 terms of three years max. Therefore Ryohei Nakatsu will have to step down in August. There was only one nominee for the position of chair, viz. Matthias Rauterberg. The official candidacy legally requires a one third majority vote of the members. Of the 28 members in total, 10 were present in the room physically, and 5 via webcam. All of the attendants voted unanimously in favor of MR’s candidacy, meaning that MR will be nominated as the next chair of TC14 at the IFIP general assembly meeting in September 2012 in Amsterdam.

MR stated that the three main objectives of TC14, to provide an organizational body for researchers, to contribute to research in entertainment computing and to start a conference series, were all achieved. TC14 should in the future maintain a network representing people from different countries around the world, but the challenge is the very broad scope for the TC. Some working groups are very lively, others inactive. Future meetings should focus on how to redesign the scope of the TC to increase activity and commitment. MR wants to appoint two vice-chairs in the future, one from America and one from Asia. Vice-chairs will be appointed if/when MR is elected chair. MR thanks TM for his contributions as secretary, hands achievement award for excellence to RN, signed by all TC members present.

Action items:

1. Don Marinelli retired, should we create/give him an honorary member status?
2. How do we get an ACM representative appointed?

Late breaking news: David Geerts will join us next meeting as the representative of Belgium.

4. Venue of the next ICEC (2013)

There were two bids for ICEC 2013. One from Zhigeng Pan (at Hangzhou Normal University, Hangzhou, China), and one from Esteban Clua (at Mackenzie University, Sao Paulo, Brazil). China main pros: possibly many students attending, co-located with EGVR (national conf. on educational games and vr), and possibly ACE ’13. Brazil main pros: Joint conference with large and well-funded SB Games conference in Sao Paulo, could also attract visitors from other SA countries.

After a long discussion, a vote was held; present were 10 physical voters (RM, EC, SN, DR, LP, PC, MR, MT, NR, ZP) and 3 televoters (HY, DO, HD). The end result was 6 in favor of China and 7 in favor of Brazil. The next ICEC conference will be in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

An important consideration for future conferences is that ICEC has an ISI conferences citation index. East-Asian researchers especially, but also researcher from countries such as Poland, are not allowed to submit to any but a few indexed journals and conferences. That ICEC is indexed and therefore a conference that would be eligible to these researchers should be better communicated.

5. Handbook for TC14

MR wants to use a handbook for the policy of IFIP TC14. Unfortunately the draft version was not circulated beforehand.

Action item:

3. Decision on handbook.

Up till the next meeting, MR would like to receive comments on the handbook (what should be changed etc.); especially pay attention to “3.4 Finance”, how to spend our income. There’s another paragraph, 3.3, where people are required to show active involvement in the TC and Working group activities. The inactive members of four consecutive meetings will be replaced. Is this okay or should there be another definition. RN hasn’t received a response from almost half of the members in the last years. MR makes a final version for next TC meeting in September.

6. Working group activities

Stephane Natkin mentioned that Jerome Dupire wants to create a working group “adaptation and interfaces for game accessibility”. MR previously recommended contacting TC13 for this, and a preferred option is to create a cross link between TC13 and TC14. This still requires a title for the WG and a 1 page description with aims and scope. Together with the proposal from the previous meeting to change the name of 14.3 to serious games, there are two working group proposals:

SN -> Game accessibility

TM -> Serious games

Both decisions on the working groups are postponed to the next meeting.

All of the WG chairs except for Naoka Tosa, who provided the attendants with a leaflet of her work, forgot (or didn’t know) to provide RN with a status report beforehand, so RN contacted all the chairs and wrote it himself. At the meeting, oral reports were given by all WG chairs physically present (LP, SN, MR, NT).

7. Any other business

No other business.