IFIP TC14
Minutes of the TC Meeting
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Agenda:
1. Report on ICEC 2009
2. Changes of Officers and Members
3. Election of TC Officers
4. Progress of ICEC 2010
5. 2nd Entertainment Computing Symposium 2010
6. Selection procedures for ICEC venues
7. Working groups activities

Minutes:
(note: Meeting started at 2.30p instead of the 2.00p)
- Chair (RN) opens the session, ask all the attendees for a short introduction about themselves, and state that many observers (see attendees list) have been invited to this meeting.
- Chair notes that many participants have to leave early so if needed the meeting agenda might be changed.
- Minutes of previous meeting are submitted for approval and are approved.

REPORT on ICEC 2009
Stephane Natkin (SN): We had around 150 papers submitted. We have decided to be very strict with the

review of long papers only top 1/3 were accepted. For short paperw we accepted around ½. As for demonstrations and posters, they were accepted as long as the content was OK.

We had 100 people who paid the fees and 20 who were invited or sponsored (however, these are temporary numbers). In terms of the budget we don't have the final numbers as for now, but roughly the total budget was around EUR100K, with EUR10K from CNC, EUR10K from Cap Digital and some EUR20K from various other sponsors. I think our budget will be ballanced at around EUR1~2K. We had some complains about the expensive conference fees, but the Euro is very high as currency against the USD and JPY.

In general what worked well was the preparation of the proceedings. What did not work very well was the discount price for students without papers, there was no such registration. This could be because this is early September and students are still on holidays. I will make a more complete report and I would like to point out that we used "easychair"to manage the conference and this software was great to use.

Secretary (BS): I was involved in the organisation of the conference and from the start everything was well organised and professionally run, I would like to thank SN for the great job and the excellent conference, I invite all for a round of applauses.

SN: tutorials were a bit problematic and I would suggest to have them better organised, Either you don't have tutorials at all or you invite somebody you know to organise one. For example BS did a tutorial on Game Design and it was well delivered. I would suggest to avoid bad tutorials and better have them on invitation only rather than through a call for tutorials.

RN: Basically I agree the conference was well organised. If you have any questions or comments please! Followed by comments about paper quality and poster event.

SN: We had a thorough review process with at least 3 reviewers per paper. It was a complex and time consuming process. Everything was well structured regarding how papers were reviewed and accepted. One has to remember the broadness and variety of topic of this conference.

BS: indeed and I have been involved in the review process, the fact we had 3 to 4 reviewers per submission is a sign of excellent organisation.

RN: We had an acceptance of around 30% but I feel some papers were not that good.

SN: Interestingly this is the first time we had people who paid their conference fees but did not turn up. We had a distribution of around 50% Asia, 30% North America and 20% Rest of The World.
Another problem is the setting of the conference dates. At the time there was no major conference on entertainment to be held close to ICEC, however this changed very fast, and this might have created a problem.

RN: I think we had enough discussion on this topic and we should move to the next agenda meeting!

Changes of Officers and Members
RN: As you know our TC has officers, one of them is the secretary and he has worked with this TC for 4 years from the days it was a Specialist Group. This hasn't happened for 25yrs. As the secretary expressed a wish to step down, and Tim MARSH (TM) has agreed to work as secretary for the TC, I think we can thank BS for his work and wish TM good luck.
There are also some changes to the WG chairs, This is not for election but TC officers must propose that: WG 14.2 chairmanship is transferred from Hitoshi MATSUBARA to David ODBRZALEK (DO). Followed by short introduction by DO. WG14.4 chairmanship is transferred from Jaap van den HERIK to Stephane NATKIN. Followed by short introduction by SN.
WG14.5 chair Andy SLOAN (AN) expressed a wish for a change of chairman. As he will retire next month. Lyn BAILLIE (LB) will take over the chairmanship.
Chair: Are there any objections or questions? No then it is approved and LB is the new chair .

Election of TC Officers:
Chair: as you know each TC officer term is 3yrs, so our terms are over. I would like to continue to

contribute to the development of the TC as chair for the next 3 years.

Secretary: Any other candidates. Since there are none I propose a round of applause to elect Ryohei NAKATSU as chair of the TC14.

RN: I propose Matthias RAUTERBERG as Vice Chair of the TC14, and Time MARSH as secretary and Claudio PINHANEZ as industrial liaison officer.

Progress ICEC 2010:

Hyun YANG (HY): Two set of dates for the conference 7th to 10th of September or 8th to 11th of September. I suggest to organise the conference outside a university environment and in a professional conference setting. I suggest the DMC (Digital Media City), or near the theatre are of Seoul. We would like to accept more papers so people could get together. I would like to invite Don MARINELLI and Ryohei NAKATSU as conference chairs and Matthias RAUTERBERG as organising chair. I would like to find a program chair with a good network of reviewers. I would also like to co-host the conference with another conference if the topics are complementary. The two conferences would be organised within a week with one day overlap.

Naoko TOSA (NT): What about a better connection between ICEC and the WG. Each WG could organise a workshop during ICEC.

Sydney FELS (SF): What about a doctoral consortium or a submission track based on practice rather than on academic work.

RN: Main conference should last 2.5 to 3 days.

HY: We have estimated the conference fees as US$500 for early registration and US$600 on site. Students fees will be respectively US$150 to US$200, and the conference will be held between the 8th and the 11th of September 2010. I will soon open a website announcing the dates of the conference.

ECS 2010

NR: Steve HANSEN was organising the symposium but he retired so he could not actively participate in the organisation any more. We had to redo the call for proposals and we delivered it to IFIP.

Don MARINELLI: ECS is a distraction for us from ICEC.

SF, LB & Pedro GONZALEZ-CALERO: agree with Don, why not change the topic?

NT: The ECS is very similar to ICEC and it is confusing. Either ECS is connected to ICEC or it is a more specific topic.

HY: Why not organise an invitation only event.

NR: I agree with HY and we should make it an event connected to ICEC and invitation only.

ICEC 2011

RN: ICEC 2011 should be organised in America, Luc COURCHESNE (Montreal - CAN) has expressed interest.

SF: I will see if there is some interesting in Vancouver or in connection with Montreal.

RN: I will discuss with Claudio PINHANEZ about Brazil as a candidate and also approach Bill SWARTOUT.

WG Activities

WG14.7 change of name and scope, NT will write a proposal.

RN: END OF MEETING.