

ACM SIGSIM Business Meeting at the 2009 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC)

December 15, 2009

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation of the *ACM SIGSIM Distinguished Contributions Award 2009* by Richard Nance (Chair), David Nicol, George Riley, and Stewart Robinson
3. Presentation of the *ACM SIGSIM Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award 2009* by Richard Nance
4. Status Report on the *Simulation Archive* by Robert Sargent
5. Status Report on TOMACS by Jim Wilson, Editor-in-Chief
6. Report of the TOMACS EIC Search Committee by Richard Nance
7. Report on the Winter Simulation Conference 2009 by Ernest Page, ACM SIGSIM Representative for the WSC
8. Report on the SIGSIM/INFORMS-CS Ph.D. Colloquium and Poster Session by Margaret Loper, ACM SIGSIM Secretary/Treasurer
9. SIGSIM's Role in ACM Fellow Nominations by Richard Nance
10. Other Business

DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS

Roger Smith, CTO & Chief Scientist of the U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, was the recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Contributions Award. He gave a short presentation reflecting on his history in M&S.

BEST PH.D. STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The best Ph.D. student paper went to Claudia Szabo from National University of Singapore for her paper titled "A Time-Based Formalism for the Validation of Semantic Composability."

SIMULATION ARCHIVE

Status:

- Current Materials Cataloged at High Level
- Endowment: \$16,174
- URL: www.tinyurl.com/simarchive

Advisory Committee:

- Dick Nance (Virginia Tech)
- Bob Sargent, Chair (Syracuse Univ.)
- Jim Wilson (NC State Univ.)

Goals:

- Increase Endowment to \$25,000
- Collect more Materials
- Collect Oral Histories
- Digitalize more Materials

TOMACS UPDATE

1. Summary of editorial activity for period from January 1, 2009, to December 11, 2009:

Submitted papers 101
Accepted papers 25
Rejected papers 64
Withdrawn papers 0
Papers in review 29
Papers in revision 16
Overall acceptance rate for 2009 28.1%
Avg. first turnaround time (days) 65
Avg. time to final decision (days) 65

2. Status of recent issues

- Special issue on Wireless Networks has 6 accepted papers; the coeditors are Mike Devetsikiotis (NC State) and Fabrizio Granelli (Univ. of Trento).
- Special issue on Healthcare Simulation has 7 papers currently in review. Coeditors are Terry Young (Brunel Univ.) and Tillal Eldabi (Brunel Univ.).
- January 2010 issue (vol. 20, no. 1) will appear on time.
- All issues for 2010 (vol. 20) have been sent to ACM; thus the backlog is now a year.
- Beginning with vol. 19, no. 2, *TOMACS* published 5 papers per issue.
- Beginning with vol. 19, no. 4, *TOMACS* has published 6 papers per issue.

3. In July 2009, *TOMACS* made its debut in the *Journal Citation Reports* with an impact factor of 1.029. The impact factors of *Simulation* and *Simulation Modelling Practice and Theory* are 0.783 and 0.586, respectively. The impact factor of *INFORMS Journal on Computing* is 1.041.

4. Roberto Szechtman (Naval Postgraduate School), Bruno Tuffin (INRIA Rennes Bretagne Atlantique), and Srinidhi Varadarajan (Virginia Tech) have joined the Editorial Board as Associate Editors.

5. The official page budget for *TOMACS* for FY 2010 is 556 pages.

6. Jim Wilson's second (and final) term as Editor-in-Chief of *TOMACS* will end on January 31, 2010.

WSC REPORT

WSC continues to do well. The final figures are not yet available, but attendance for WSC 2009 will be over 600. Approximately 27% of WSC 09 attendees are students, and we had 54 students participate in the PhD Colloquium. Both of these student figures represent records for WSC, and reflect very well on the future of the conference.

Planning for future conferences through WSC 2014 is ongoing. You'll notice that the WSC Board of Directors and the conference committees are shepherding changes to WSC to keep it fresh and enjoyable for conference attendees. WSC 2009 is our first trip to Austin, and our first return to the Lone Star State since 1984. Next year's conference will find us at the Baltimore, Maryland Inner Harbor for the first time, and in 2012 the premier international conference in simulation leaves to United States for the first time – taking us to Berlin, Germany! Also this year you'll notice move to a 1-column proceedings format. This format was motivated to make the proceedings easier to read on-line. We will continue to tweak the format over the coming years to ensure a high quality format for our authors that meet the demands of our changing times.

The WSC Board and future conference committees would love to hear from you – about aspects of the conference you enjoy that you'd like to see continued, and aspects of the conference that you'd like to see changed. Please send your feedback to epage@mitre.org.

Per the Joint Sponsorship Agreement for the conference, the WSC Board reports to the sponsoring societies twice a year on the total liability due to open contracts for future conferences. As of the successful closing of WSC 2009, the total liability due to open contracts for WSC 2010, WSC 2011, WSC 2012, and WSC 2013 is \$241,906. ACM SIGSIM share of this liability is \$60,476.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that WSC is the result of the hard work and vision of many, many volunteers -- and it needs your active participation to continue to thrive! If you'd like to organize a session, or a track, or even become a business chair, proceedings editor, or any other position for a future WSC, please contact me at epage@mitre.org, and I will gladly put you in touch with the appropriate conference planning committees.

SIGSIM/INFORMS-CS PH.D. COLLOQUIUM AND POSTER SESSION

The Ph.D. Colloquium at the 2009 WSC in Austin was a great success, with 48 participants from Canada, Columbia, France, Germany, Ireland, Korea, Russia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The afternoon started with the speaker's luncheon for those final year students making an oral presentation. Next, keynote speaker Prof Alexander Verbraeck gave very thoughtful advice on "publishing, networking, and research trade-offs in relation to planning a career". The presentation session that followed had 27 final year Phds showcasing their work. The evening concluded with all 48 students participating in the poster session.

In addition, many students had the opportunity to have their papers considered for the I-Sim/ACM-SIGSIM Best Student Paper awards. In total, 9 students nominated their regular-

session papers for the awards. Two winners have been selected based on their papers, oral presentation and colloquium posters. The best computer science-focused paper went to Claudia Szabo (National University of Singapore), and the best OR/MS-focused paper was given to Ming Liu (Northwestern University).

The following support was provided by SIGSIM/ISIM to the participants:

- 1) \$200 award checks to each best paper winner;
- 2) \$100 reimbursement for the conference registration for all final year students making an oral presentation;
- 3) Complimentary one-year membership; and
- 4) Complimentary speakers luncheon for all final year students making an oral presentation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The slides from the financial management report can be found below.

SIGSIM Financials

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