

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, 2008, Artificial Intelligence.

Professional Experience:

Research Staff Member, IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Hawthorne, NY, USA,
2000 – Present;

Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1998 – 1999;

Applications Scientist, Edinburgh Parallel Computing Center, Edinburgh, Scotland,
1991 – 1994.

Professional Interest:

Accessibility in virtual worlds; Technology for the maturing workforce; Web accessibility;
Interaction techniques for people with motor impairment; Personalization and self-adaptive
user interfaces.

ACM Activities:

General Chair of ASSETS 2009 Conference, SIGACCESS, 2007 – 2009;

Program Chair of ASSETS 2007 Conference, SIGACCESS, 2006 – 2007.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Chair of Human-Computer Interaction Professional Community, IBM T.J. Watson Research
Center, 2008 – 2010.

Awards Received:

ACM: Recognition of Service Award, 2007; ASSETS 1998 Best Student Paper Award,
1998.

Other: IBM Outstanding Innovation Award (Virtual world accessibility), 2008; Best paper
award (W4A Workshop on Web accessibility), 2006; IBM Research Division Award (Web
accessibility technologies), 2003.

STATEMENT

I attended my first ASSETS conference as a Ph.D. student in 1996 and accessibility has
been my core research interest ever since. SIGACCESS plays an important role as a
champion of accessibility and a source of information both within the academic community

and the ACM organization. If elected as secretary/treasurer, I would work to support this agenda.

One of my priorities would be to get accessibility into the production process for the ACM Digital Library. The current process can actually reduce the accessibility level of documents submitted. Another goal would be to forge stronger ties between SIGACCESS and organizations that represent and advocate for people with disabilities and older adults.

As a regular attendee, past program chair and 2009 General Chair of the ASSETS Conference, I have a broad understanding of and deep commitment to the field. I would be delighted and honored to serve the community as the next secretary/treasurer of SIGACCESS.