

Candidate for Chair

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., The University of York, England, 2000, Coordination Systems.

Professional Experience:

Visiting Scholar, CCNR, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA, 2009 – Present;
Associate Professor, Florida Tech, Melbourne, FL, USA, 2000 – Present;
Lecturer, University of Ulster, Londonderry, UK, 1999 – 2000.

Professional Interest:

Swarm Intelligence; Complex and Social Networks; Multi-agent Systems; Coordination Languages and Systems.

ACM Activities:

Treasurer, SIGAPP, 2004 – 2007; Secretary, SIGAPP, 2008 – 2009.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Vice-Chair, Symposium on Applied Computing, 2003;
Track Chair, Symposium on Applied Computing, 2002 – 2005;
Program Chair, Symposium on Applied Computing, 2006 – 2009.

Awards Received:

IEEE Senior Member, 2008.

STATEMENT

I've been involved with SIGAPP for about 5 years now. I'm running for the chair position because I believe this SIG has the potential to become even more successful. SIGAPP is in a good financial standing and it's time we invest in our members. My priorities as chair would be:

- (1) Complete modernization, going from investments in the image of SIGAPP (site, logo, etc), to the automation of tasks at SIGAPP and Symposium on Applied Computing (our sole conference) such as registration, conference attendance information, proceedings delivery, etc.
- (2) Continue to push ACM to institute a SIGAPP journal publication in the form of a "Transactions".

- (3) Continue to expand the student travel awards program to include specific funds for developing countries. This was done very ad-hoc in 2009 and should be made official.
- (4) Look at the possibility of making travel grants available to the general member body.
- (5) Be inclusive with our members allowing them to work with the SIGAPP officers as volunteers, making sure their voices are heard and used in our decisions. There is a lot of work to be done and I'll be honored to get your vote.