

Candidate for President

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 1990, Human-Computer Interaction.

Professional Experience:

Professor Human-Computer Interaction, Open University Netherlands, Heerlen, Netherlands, 2006 – Present;

Professor Interaction Design, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2000 – 2007;

Head of Department Cognitive Ergonomics, Twente University of Technology, Enschede, Netherlands, 1996 – 2000.

Professional Interest:

User Centered Design Methods; Task Modeling; Mental Models of Complex Systems; User Modeling; Envisioning Design.

ACM Activities:

CHI Conference Chair, SIGCHI, 2005;

DIS Technical Program Chair, SIGCHI, 1997;

Vice President for Conferences, SIGCHI, 2007 – 2009.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

President, European Association of Cognitive Ergonomics, 2007 – 2010;

Representative Dutch Computer Association, IFIP TC 13, 1993 – Present;

Member IFIP WG 2.7, 13.1, 13.7, IFIP, 2000 – Present.

Awards Received:

ACM: Recognition of Service Award, 1993; Recognition of Service Award, 1997;

Recognition of Service Award, 2005, Recognition of Service Award, 2007.

Other: IFIP Silver Core, 1998.

STATEMENT

SIGCHI is the major international society for HCI professionals. Mainly in North America and Europe, local HCI groups and SIGCHI collaborate; members participate in international conferences and make use of major publications (TOCHI, Interactions). In some other parts

of the world the relation is still somewhat incidental, and in some parts HCI is just emerging as a domain that needs attention. I intend to support collaboration between SIGCHI and existing geographical HCI activities, and to stimulate HCI awareness where this is low. SIGCHI should support curriculum development worldwide, and enable the growth of local HCI communities. CHI is our major international meeting place. Specialized conferences based on local context or specialized topics complement our flagship conference. SIGCHI should continue to maintain relationships here and actively support new initiatives. Other HCI conferences relate to international organizations, e.g., featuring Usability or Ergonomics. SIGCHI and other organizations as well as the professionals involved will benefit from an explicit network of organizations, recognizing the different but overlapping themes, and maintaining a workable international event calendar. The domain of SIGCHI is broad and multidimensional and this requires our attention to value research, practice, education, artistic design, societal impact as well as our multidisciplinary basics.