

Candidate for Vice Chair

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Dr.-Ing, University of Darmstadt, 2001, Information technology.

Professional Experience:

Full Professor & University Research Chair, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, 2008 – Present;

Associate Professor, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, 2004 – 2008;

Director, Ontario Research Network on E-Commerce, Ottawa, Canada, 2003 – 2006.

Professional Interest:

Haptic-Audio-Visual Environments; Multimodal and Multimedia Environments; Tele-Presence and collaborative Environments; Ambient Media; Interactive Media and Games.

ACM Activities:

General co-Chair, ACM MM 2008;

Technical co-Chair, ACM MM 2009;

Associate Editor, ACM TOMCCAP, 2007.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Technical Chair, IEEE-I2MTC 2008;

Technical Chair, IEEE-CCECE 2006;

General Chair and founder, IEEE HAVE workshop, 2002 – 2008.

Awards Received:

ACM: Elevation to ACM Senior Member, 2008; ACM SIG MM Recognition for contributing to ACM MM, 2008; Best Paper Award at ACM/IEEE DS-RT, 2008.

Other: Fellow IEEE, 2009; Professional of the Year Award, 2008; Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award from Humboldt Foundation, 2007; University Research Chair in Ambient Interactive Media & Applications, 2007.

STATEMENT

SIGMM has clearly established itself as the premier technical organization for communicating the state-of-the-art in multimedia research and development. The tremendous success of past and current executive committees is obvious by maintaining ACM MM as the leading conference in the domain and establishing TOMCCAP. It will be a

challenge to sustain and expand this level of success. I am aware of it and will use all my efforts to energize the SIGMM community and foster its dynamic participation at all levels by:

- 1) Strengthening the visibility of the research community which will lead to higher impact by giving a clear indication of the important trends and developments in multimedia.
- 2) Providing educational guidance through book recommendations, on-line tutorials, and other services for students, young professionals and members.
- 3) Drawing industry members into various activities related to conferences, newsletter and award sponsorships.
- 4) Increasing interactions with other organizations in order to encourage learning and discovery of new areas of multimedia Computing, Communications and Applications.

I am motivated and passionate about focusing on the longer term future of the SIG and am therefore asking for your vote for vice-chair. Together we can make this the best SIG.