

Candidate for Director of Conferences

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BIOGRAPHY

Academic Background:

Ph.D., Leiden University, The Netherlands, 2001, Improving Visual Matching.

Professional Experience:

Professor, University of Trento, Italy, 2009;

Professor, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2003 – 2009;

Senior Researcher, University of Leiden, The Netherlands, 2001 – 2003.

Professional Interest:

Multimedia Information Retrieval; Human-centered Computing; Human-computer Interaction; Computer vision; Social computing.

ACM Activities:

General Chair, ACM International Conference on Image and Video Retrieval (CIVR), 2007 – 2010;

Program Chair, ACM Multimedia Conference, 2007;

Chair, ACM Multimedia Information Retrieval Workshop (MIR), 2003 – 2004;

Chair, ACM Human-centered Computing Workshop (HCM), 2006 – 2008.

Membership and Offices in Related Organizations:

Chair, IEEE Computer Society Task Force on Human-centered Computing, 2007 – Present;

Member, IAPR Membership Committee, 2007 – Present.

STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated for the SIGMM Director of Conferences position. Having been a general/program chair of many previous conferences and workshops in the past (including ACM Multimedia, ACM CIVR, ACM MIR), I have both specific experience and understanding of the conference organization and management process to prove myself useful. Considering my active involvement in the multimedia community in the past 6-7 years, I am well aware of the current situation and of the new trends and I believe I can successfully serve the community as the Director of Conferences. Due to my research connections with other communities (e.g., Computer Vision, Pattern Recognition, WWW, HCI, Signal Processing), I have the determination and the means to encourage bridges

between these communities and multimedia and as such to support events (conferences, workshops) that are addressing these important issues. Additionally, I have already taken some steps in this direction by organizing workshops on Human-centered Computing and by giving several tutorials on HCI during ACM Multimedia conferences. Moreover, my plan is to get actively involved in the other activities of the SIGMM and to help SIGMM chairs achieving their goals for the benefit of the community.