

IFIP Working Group 3.2

Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on 4 August 1999 at the University of California, Irvine during the IFIP WG 3.2/3.6 working conference 'Building University Electronic Educational Environments'.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies
Minutes of the last Annual Meeting. The meeting was held electronically; it started on June 2 and was closed around June 25, 1998. All members received all the electronic interchanges.
- 3) Current activities:
- 4) Future activities:
- 5) New membership
- 6) Next Annual Meeting
- 7) Miscellaneous
- 8) Closing

Draft Minutes

Participants

Alfred BORK, Lillian CASSEL, Stephen FRANKLIN, Monique GRANDBASTIEN, John HUGHES (Minutes), Bernard LEVRAT, Tom van WEERT (Chair)

Guests:

Petra FISSER, Chan-Mo PARK, Raul WAZLAWICK

Apologies

Bob Aiken, Ben Zion BARTA, Rita de CALUWE, Charles DUCHATEAU, Fed MULDER, Helmut SCHAUER, Joe TURNER, Roland VOLLMAR

1. Opening

August 4, 1999

2. Minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting

The minutes were approved as drafted.

Action Follow-up:

- Aims and Scope
The aims and scope of WG3.2 were agreed by TC3 and the IFIP General Assembly.
- Website

Boots Cassel has set up the curriculum project website. Tom van Weert will advise all members of the URL.

- Magnetic Island conference

Gopal Gupta has moved from James Cook University to Bond University and is no longer able to host a conference on Magnetic Island (Queensland, Australia). It was decided to abandon this activity.

3. Current Activities

- Working Conference on “Building University Electronic Educational Environments” is now running.

- **UNESCO/IFIP Informatics Curriculum ICF-2000**

Tom van Weert and Fred Mulder are writing the whole thing. They have received input from Monique, Jan and from some other Technical Committees. The deadline for completion is September 15. The project will point to other established curricula (such as ACM/IEEE curricula). It will not point to other resources, only curricula (though it is expected that the other curricula will point to support resources).

It would be a pity to lose this material for WG3.2 use, so it is proposed that once the work is finished, it will be put to WG3.2 in Beijing for revision and distribution.

4. Future Activities

- TC3 Policy document

At its meeting on August 1 and 2, 1999 TC3 elaborated and adopted a policy framework. The document was circulated at the Working Group meeting. The Working Group has been asked to put together a 7-year plan of activities, the rationale being to bring working groups together at the World Congress in Beijing.

- Activities

It was decided that the next WG3.2 activity would be in conjunction with the World Congress in Beijing. It will revolve around aspects of Lifelong Learning and the Teaching of Computer Science. The format of the conference will be to have Chinese sessions and International sessions. There will probably be little scope for doing anything particularly innovative in terms of sessions, professional groups etc.

Suggestions were sought for other activities. It was asked whether we should have activities, which continued to develop existing themes. Bernard Levrat suggested themes involving ‘Developing Countries’ and ‘Spreading the Curriculum’. He suggested South America as a possible location. Raul Wazlawick reported that Brazil has an annual workshop to discuss computer science teaching and curriculum. This is normally held in August, attracts 70 to 80 people and is held in conjunction with the Brazilian Computer Society annual conference (which attracts around 2000 attendees). He offered to explore the possibility of hosting a working group seminar in conjunction with this workshop.

Stephen Franklin suggested a theme “Informatics across the Curriculum” (following the idea of ‘Writing across the Curriculum’, ‘Mathematics across the Curriculum’...). Tom van Weert was looking for ideas for a ‘product’ (such as a position paper) as an outcome. Monique Grandbastien suggested a book of success stories or notable examples. Boots Cassel suggested this might provide the theme of a meeting to showcase examples. These could be recorded and would become part of a living website. John Hughes supported this, having seen a similar successful project in an allied discipline, which produced a videotape of good practice examples.

It was suggested that a future activity could be held in Africa, possibly South Africa. Tom van Weert is to explore this possibility with Peter Waker. Alfred Bork suggested it might be possible to work

through the Colombo Plan on another activity in the South East Asia/India/Middle East region. Alfred is to provide Tom with contact details.

It was agreed to hold (or explore holding) the following activities.

- 2000** **WG3.2 participation in the education stream of the World Congress in Beijing.**
Jane Prey was suggested as a possible champion to lead an activity. Boots Cassel is to approach her and report back to Tom. Joe Turner might also be interested in participating.
- 2001** **World Conference on Computers and Education, Copenhagen, Denmark.**
Bernard Levrat will consider leading something around the topic of the 'Virtual Campus'. Alfred Bork would be interested in leading a stream on 'Lifelong Learning'.
- 2002** **Two possible meetings, one in Brazil, one in Australia**
Raul Wazlawick is to look into a possible working group conference in conjunction with the annual Brazilian meeting in August. Possible topics include, curriculum, best practice, and teaching methods. Raul will liaise with Tom on this.
John Hughes is to investigate options for a working conference in Australia, possibly Sydney. John will report back to Tom.
- 2003** **World Congress in Montreal, Canada**
WG3.2 could have an activity in conjunction with the World Congress.
- 2004** **Possible Working Conference in Africa**
- 2005**

5. New Membership

The following persons were accepted as Corresponding Members:

Petra FISSER (Netherlands)
Chan-Mo PARK (Korea)
Raul WAZLAWICK (Brazil)

6. Next Annual Meeting

At the World Congress, Beijing, China, August 21 – 25 2000

7. Future of the Curriculum Activity

Boots Cassel will report back to ACM on this.

She also described a new project of the Education Board of the ACM, looking at the differences and commonalities of words we use in our discipline, and the meanings behind those words. It will look at the use of language:-

What differences are real;

What differences are apparent;

identifying those differences and reducing or eliminating misunderstandings.

8. Action list

- TC3 Policy document 7-year plan Tom
- Future activity in South-Africa, contact Peter Waker Tom
- Contact details Colombo plan Alfred
- Approach Jean Prey and report back to Tom Boots
- Virtual WCCE conference, theme 'Virtual Campus' Bernard
- Virtual WCCE conference, theme 'Lifelong Learning' Alfred
- Possible working group conference in conjunction with the annual Brazilian meeting in August 2002 Raul
- Investigate options for a working conference in Australia, possibly Sydney; report back to Tom. John
- Get new corresponding members approved by TC3 Tom
- Next annual meeting Beijing, August 2000 WG