

IFIP Working Group 3.2 Minutes of 2002 Annual Meeting

The 2002 annual meeting of IFIP WG3.2 was held on 11 July 2002 at the Jurere Village Beach Hotel on Santa Caterina Island, Brazil.

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 17:30 by the WG3.2 Chair.

2. Attendance

Apologies were received from Charles Duchateau, Petra Fisser, Monique Grandbastien, Tom van Weert, and Jan Zabrodski.

Members present: Lillian Cassel (US), Gordon Davies (UK), John Hughes (AU), Fred Mulder (NL), Joe Turner (Chair-US) Raul Wazlawick (BR).

Corresponding Members present: Richard LeBlanc (US).

Interested guests: Ralf Denzer (DE), Ana Paula Ferreira (BR), Anneke Hacquebard (NL), Jens Kaasbol (NO), Vinicius Kern (BR), Elliot Koffman (US), Amruth Kumar (US), Deepak Kumar (US), Joberto Martins (BR), Andrew McGettrick (UK), Luiz Merkle (BR), Clara Oliveira (BR), Ricardo Reis (BR), Eric Roberts (US), Paolo Rocchi (IT), Juris Reinfelds (US), R. Sadananda (TH), Romero Tori (BR), Peter Van Roy (BE), Maartin van Veen (NL), Avelino Zorzo (NL).

3. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes that had been circulated from the previous meeting on 29 July 2001 in Copenhagen were accepted without modification.

4. Membership

The following new members were proposed and unanimously approved: Anneke Hacquebard (NL), Richard LeBlanc (US-ACM), Chan Mo Park (KR), Sigrid Schubert (DE). These potential members will be proposed to TC-3 for approval at the next TC-3 meeting.

The Chair announced that he had received acceptance from John Hughes to be appointed as Vice-Chair of WG3.2. The Chair will request approval of this appointment from the TC-3 Chair.

5. Current Activities

a) ICTEM 2002 (the conference during which the meeting was held)

A brief discussion was held about the conference. Several members and guests indicated approval for the level of interaction and the interesting discussions, as well as the results of the working groups. Some alternative formats were discussed, such as having the conference over a 3 ½ or 4-day period with a half-day break during the conference for social or other local activities.

b) SEC III (Social, Ethical and Cognitive Issues in Informatics and ICT, to be held in Dortmund, Germany, 22-26 July and jointly sponsored with WG3.1)

6. Future Activities

The status of the previously-planned working conference during 2003 in Australia is not clear. John Hughes will consult with the organizers and report his findings to the Chair.

7. Other Matters

There was a substantial discussion regarding possible activities for WG3.2. Some of the main points were:

1. Fred Mulder again raised the issue (raised previously at the 2001 WG3.2 meeting in Copenhagen) of continuing the development of the ICF-2000 project, possibly extending it or doing some joint work relative to related efforts elsewhere, and also addressing the need to maintain the currency of the work. The issue of funding was discussed, and some members of ICTEM Working Group 3 indicated that the basis for a proposal could result from the group's report.
2. Ralf Denzer (guest and Chair of WG5.11) indicated that there might be a possibility of funding for projects from the IFIP GA and also from the EU. Ricardo Reis (guest, GA member, and co-editor for ICTEM) corroborated that funding might be possible from the IFIP GA. This will be investigated by the WG3.2 Chair.
3. Gordon Davies discussed the possibility of holding a joint working conference with WG3.6, which he chairs. The previously-planned theme (Impact of the Web on University IT Curricula and Teaching) is broad enough to be attractive to WG3.6 members as well as WG3.2 members. This possibility will be explored as the status of the 2003 conference in Australia is determined.
4. Eric Roberts (guest and keynote speaker for ICTEM) suggested that a possible topic for a future conference would be the connection between computing and other disciplines. It was generally agreed that this topic had a lot of potential both for attracting interesting people from a variety of disciplines and also might have a good potential for external funding. WG3.2 will be very receptive to any further developments or opportunities relative to this topic.

8. Future Meetings and Adjournment

The next meeting of WG3.2 depends on what conferences are held within the next year or so. The only future meeting that is scheduled at this time is the meeting at the WCCE conference in 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:15.