Mobile Communication Interest Group organizational business meeting

Caribe Hilton, San Cristobal Ballroom F
Ponce, Puerto Rico, USA
May 23, 2015, 13:30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome to attendees
2. Interest group call and submission types for ICA 2016 Fukuoka
3. Future of the preconference
4. Offices
5. Further business

1. Welcome of attendees

In the name of the group of scholars who had signed the formal petition for authorization to form a Mobile Communication Interest Group, Veronika Karnowski welcomed the attendees to the constitutive meeting of the Mobile Communication Interest Group.

2. Interest group call and submission types for ICA 2016 Fukuoka

Number of panels

Michael Haley explains that the number of panels and posters allotted to the MCIG will be allotted on the basis of two factors:

- the number of MCIG members on August 1
- the number of submissions to the interest group.

At least 4 panels will be allotted, including one for the business meeting, along with the same amount of posters. In the best case, six panels (as this year for the sports interest group) or more could be possible.

➔ We should spread the word to subscribe to the interest group as of today. Additionally, ee should try to contact the preconference attendees, the CAT members, the EBM of Mobile Media & Communication, all supporters of the petition and possibly all ICA members through the ICA newsletter.

Submission types

M. Haley advises to accept full papers rather than abstracts ensuring that we give ourselves high quality presentations.

L. Humphreys suggests to refrain from calling for panels at this point. Instead, strong respondents could give a strong identity to the MCIG-panels with a good performance.

The question of high density panels versus normal panels is raised. While standard panels with 4-5 presentations would give more time for individual presentations, they could only accommodate a limited number of presentations. Announcing standard panels could also bear the risk of discouraging members from submitting because of the limited slots available. F. Heinderyckx suggests to leave the question open and decide whether to take high density or standard panels (or a combination) based on the submissions and available slots. M. Haley says that a 40-45% acceptance rate would be ideal. As for posters, the idea is brought up to ask authors to tell if they would be willing to present their work as a poster. We could then decide on the basis of their response, as well as the content of the submissions (do they not fit onto any panel? can they be represented visually on a poster?), which papers to accept as posters

➔ We will call for full papers and not panels
➔ The question of standard panels (4-5 papers) or high density will be decided once submissions are there
➔ Strong respondents should be invited for each panel
➔ Select submissions, with high visual interest and/or which don't fit on any panel, can be accepted as posters.

Call for papers

F. Heinderyckx suggests to formulate the call not as a collection of all embracing generalities, but rather as a stimulating and somewhat focused call in an effort to motivate members of all groups to participate. The call should not give the impression that we are a subgroup of CAT, but rather that we welcome papers on mobility across all sections.

3. Future of the preconference

Different formats for the future of the preconference are discussed. The goal is to find a combination of preconference and interest group panels which would permit a true complementarity. The popular elements of the preconference should be preserved, and both formats should not compete with each other. K. Pearce stresses that the organization, of a full preconference as we have had them in the previous years, is an important organizational and logistic effort which also depends on important financial resources.

The following formats are discussed:
- a doctoral consortium in combination with the CAT consortium (which is traditionally on the second day of the preconference).
- a series of "Blue Sky" workshops for the discussion of upcoming research topics and possible networking / launching of initiatives. The "Blue Sky" format has been applied on the main conference for two years now with some success. It consists mostly of short statements by a handful of invited speakers which are then followed by an open discussion on ideas and initiatives for further research. Topics could be issues such as mobile health communication (there has been a Blue Sky workshop in this this year), design of mobile applications and/or devices, augmented reality, etc. We could ask for suggestions in a call for papers, which would be somewhat similar to the ICA cfp for panels and for Blue Sky workshops.
- Some other form of networking or idea finding event, possibly on Friday evening (F. Heinderyckx suggests that rooms could be available for such an event in the evening)
- An excursion to technology producers in Japan. J. Katz has made the experience that Japanese companies are very welcoming.

Three participants volunteer to work on the preconference concept on the basis of these elements: Colin Agur, Mariek van den Abeele, and Maxwell Foxman

4. Offices

Until the interest group has a sufficient amount of official members, and comes together as a group at the next ICA conference in Fukuoka, it needs preliminary leadership. M .Haley suggested to take a vote for the positions of preliminary chair, vice chair and secretary for the time until fall 2016 (the vote will then be online).
- **Chair:** L Humphreys made a motion to vote for Veronika Karnowski as chair. This motion was seconded by two participants. No other candidates for chair were nominated. Veronika Karnowski was elected chair by a majority of those present.
- **Vice Chair**: J. Katz made a motion to vote for Colin Agur as vice chair. The motion was seconded by two participants. No other candidates for chair were nominated. Colin Agur was elected chair by a majority of those present.

- **Secretary:** K. Pearce made a motion to vote for Thilo von Pape as secretary. The motion was seconded by two participants. No other candidates for chair were nominated. Thilo von Pape was elected secretary by a majority of those present.

5. **Further business**

There was none.