

Mobile Communication Interest Group business meeting minutes

Kusu Ballroom

Fukuoka Hilton, Japan

June 12, 2016, 17:00-18:15

Chair: Veronika Karnowski

Vice Chair: Colin Agur

Secretary: Thilo von Pape

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1. Logo (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Veronika presented and explained the new logo (see below).

The logo is built of dialogue boxes, wakes associations with messengers, texting, and speaking as forms of communication. The “M.” also alludes to a wave, as in “radio wave”, “WiFi” “RFID”, etc. The logo is square to maximize versatility in the usage, exceedingly useful in social media applications, where most profile pictures are square in format.

Veronika thanked Katy Pearce for having organized its creation. There is general approval and applause for the logo.



Figure 1: The logo of the Mobile Communication Interest Group

2. Current membership (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Veronika presented the composition of the current membership. Among the 140 members were 64 from North America, 36 from Europe, 31 from Asia, 7 from Australia and 1 from Africa and South America.

3. Bylaws (*Colin Agur, Vice Chair*)

Colin explained the genesis of the bylaws. The goal was to draft a set of bylaws that are clear, comprehensive, and oriented to the current and future needs of the Interest Group. To this end, Colin conducted a comparative analysis of existing ICA sections' bylaws.

Colin then walked the present members through them page by page (a preliminary pdf version had been sent to all Interest Group Members by mail).

The following suggestions and comments were made:

- Regarding article 7, section 6, a constituent suggested to think about possibilities to have professional meetings. For example, at the San Diego conference there could be a meeting with industry representatives. Veronika emphasized that ICA would support meetings with professionals in San Diego.
- Regarding article 9 a constituent asked about the limitation to three awarded papers, suggesting that a fourth award could permit to create a best paper panel.
- The idea of an emerging scholar award was raised. A constituent suggested that since there are no paper awards in Europe, such an award is greatly appreciated. The question was raised whether a student award should be a student led paper or a pure student paper. Another constituent made the point that students coming from structures where the counsellor obliges them to add him/her as an author would be excluded.
- The workload for the committee of a dissertation award was discussed. A constituent suggested that the decision can be made on the basis of shorter extracts than the entire dissertation. Another constituent added that this would also give non anglophonic authors an equal chance to submit because they could not have submitted their non english PhD. The suggestion is added that those submitting to the dissertation award should only submit to one section or at least inform us about submitting to multiple sections.

The bylaws were to be voted by the members in the course of the November 2016 ICA elections.

4. 2017 Conference Preview (*Paula Gardner, ICA President Elect*)

In a brief visit, ICA President Elect Paula Gardner shared information about the ICA 2017 conference in San Diego, U.S.

- The conference venue will be the Bayside Hotel. The room price will be affordable. Food will not be provided, but there is a large range of affordable restaurants in the vicinities of the hotel.
- The conference theme will be "Intervention"
- The Hilton can be used for preconferences and postconferences, and additional space is being searched off-site

5. Nomination committee for fall election of vice-chair (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

The role of the nomination committee is to encourage candidates from among the Interest Group membership. Mariek Vanden Abeele volunteered to head the nomination committee.

6. Budget (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Veronika provided a rough outline of the budget for 2017.

The expected income amounts to 500 USD plus potential revenues from sponsorships. Veronika thanked James Katz for the Center for Mobile Communication Studies (Boston) sponsoring the 2016 pre-conference.

Veronika raised the question how to spend the money, suggesting the possibilities of funding a reception, a Best Paper Award, the preconference, the doctoral Consortium, travel grants or other causes.

- A constituent argued that travel grants are a good means to bring in members from regions who wouldn't come normally, but that this is not possible yet for lack of means.
- He also proposed the idea of small research grants for emerging scholars. Another constituent suggested that 2x500 USD would be a good idea, a third voice suggests to try out the idea with one grant first. The awards committee is asked to develop standards for the selection.
- Regarding the idea of the reception, Veronika states that the overall cost for the 2016 (joint) reception was overall 2.500 USD
- A constituent suggested to put some effort into the ICA app. This idea is supported by others, and Jakob volunteers to lead a group of volunteers and contact ICA in this matter.

7. Review process (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Veronika explained the review process of the 2016 conference.

We had received 81 submissions, out of which 4 had to be disqualified because they were not anonymized, not written in English or not meeting basic standards for scientific papers at all. Each paper received three reviews (2 by faculty, 1 by a grad student). 41 papers were accepted, which amounts to a 50,6% acceptance rate

The composition of submitters and reviewers with respect to their geographic origin roughly reflected the overall composition of the interest group.

- A constituent suggested that the high density format should be kept in order to allow for the rejection rate not to go too low. He also suggested 7x7minute presentations, then possibility to talk. If you feel like a poster would help, then bring it along.
- Two constituents expressed the sentiment that posters need not be necessary

8. Preconference (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Colin announced a short survey on the 2016 preconference. Everybody thanked the organizers. Colin and Mariek Vanden Abeele volunteered to work in the organizing committee for the 2017 conference.

9. Doctoral Consortium (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

The doctoral consortium had been held jointly with the Communication and Technology Division.

Four PHD students were present for the Mobile Com IG: Colin Fitzpatrick (Northwestern U), Niklas Johannes (Radboud U Nijmegen), Stephanie van Hove (U Gent), Xin Pei (NTU)

Singapore). Three faculty advisors were present for Mobile Com: Rich Ling (NTU Singapore), Katy Pearce (U of Washington), and Veronika Karnowski (LMU Munich)

There was general enthusiasm about the doctoral consortium, and general agreement to continue co-sponsoring it in 2017.

10. Best paper award (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Rich Ling announced the winners of the best paper award. They are Keri Keilberg Stephens (The University of Texas at Austin), Yaguan Zhu (The University of Texas at Austin), Millie Harrison (The University of Texas at Austin), Meena Iyer (Seton Hospital), Terrie Hairston (Seton Hospital), and John Luk (The University of Texas at Austin). The title of the winning paper is: "Implementing a BYOD Mobile Device Use Policy in a Hospital: Boundary Barriers at the Individual, Unit, and Organizational Level"

Rich will continue to run the committee for the best paper award in 2017. All members were asked to self-nominate to join the committee by writing to Rich at rili@ntu.edu.sg.

11. Poster presentation (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

Veronika suggests to do away with the "do you want to be a poster" question in the paper submission form and to announce the possibility that every paper can be accepted as a poster. This was generally accepted.

12. Further business (*Veronika Karnowski, Chair*)

There was none.