

Association for Constraint Programming General Assembly 2008

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President's Report

The Association

- New bylaws introduced in 2008
- This year is a transition year
- 618 current members (excluding those joining in 2008)
- 98 memberships elapse in 2008
- Quorum for this year's ACP General Assembly = 62
- The Executive Committee welcomes four new members this year
- EC is transitioning to an "all elected" model

The ACP Executive Committee in 2008

Officers

Term

- President: Barry O'Sullivan Elected 2005-2008, 2009-2012
- Secretary: Jimmy H.M. Lee Elected 2006-2009
- Treasurer: Thomas Schiex Elected 2007-2010
- Conference Coordinator: Pedro Meseguer Elected 2007-2010

Other members

Term

- Christian Bessiere Until 2009, Program Chair of CP2007
- Francesca Rossi Elected 2005-2008
- Christian Schulte Elected 2006-2009
- Michael Trick Elected 2006-2009

President's Report

ACP Summer School 2008

- “Modelling with Constraints: Theory and Practice”
- St. Andrews, June 2008
- **Organisers:** Ian Gent, Karen Petrie and Angela Miguel
- **Speakers included:** Christian Bessiere, Chris Jefferson, Ian Miguel Barry O'Sullivan, Karen Petrie, Patrick Prosser, Barbara Smith, and Toby Walsh

CP 2009

- Venue: Lisbon, Portugal
- Conference Chair: Pedro Barahona
- Programme Chair: Ian Gent

CP 2010 and 2011

- Calls coming soon to get us planning two years ahead.

President's Report

ACP Research Excellence Award 2008

- Congratulations to **Alain Colmerauer**
- Nominations sought from the community
- An evaluation committee chaired by the ACP President
- Other members: ACP Secretary, CP Programme Chair, Two Previous Winners
- Committee this year: B.O'Sullivan, J.Lee, P.Stuckey, R.Dechter, E.Freuder.

ACP (Inaugural) Doctoral Research Award 2008

- Congratulations to **Claude-Guy Quimper**
- Nominations sought from the community
- Committee of four ACP members, chaired by Mike Trick

Recent ACP Decisions

Conference Planning

We will be planning the CP conference two years ahead from now on to help coordinate with other related conferences.

Membership Rules and Fees

A new membership rule will apply from this year: one joins the ACP (for 3 years) by registering and opting for membership, or by paying a dues of 20 € for one year membership.

CSP Solver Competition

The ACP endorses the CSP Solver Competition, and will provide funds to support it. The organisers and the ACP welcome assistance in developing the competition further.

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Open Discussion Items

- 1 Other Activities by the ACP?
- 2 New Award Categories
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- 5 Opportunities for supporting collaboration and integration?

COST Action IC0602: Algorithmic Decision Theory

What's it about?

The Action aims to put together researchers coming from different fields such as Decision Theory, Discrete Mathematics, Theoretical Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence in order to improve decision support in the presence of massive data bases, combinatorial structures, partial and/or uncertain information and distributed, possibly interoperating decision makers.

What can you do?

- Travel funding available for research visits in Europe
- Easy to join - send me an email (`b.osullivan@cs.ucc.ie`)

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