

# Association for Constraint Programming General Assembly 2010

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# Agenda

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# President's Report

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# The ACP Executive Committee in 2010

## All Elected Members

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Jimmy Lee acted as Secretary – non-voting on the EC.

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## Members whose terms run beyond the end of 2010

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# CP 2010 – St. Andrews, Scotland

## Chairs of the Conference

- **Programme Chair:** Dave Cohen
- **Conference Chair:** Karen Petrie

## Local Organising Committee

- Peter Jeavons (Oxford),
- Chris Jefferson (St. Andrews),
- Alan Frisch (York),
- Ian Gent (St. Andrews),
- Angela Miguel (St. Andrews),
- Ian Miguel (St. Andrews),
- Patrick Prosser (Glasgow)
- Barbara Smith (Leeds).

# CP Conferences in 2011 and 2012

## CP 2011 – Perugia, Italy

- **Programme Chair:** Jimmy Lee
- **Conference Chair:** Stefano Bistarelli

## CP 2012 – Quebec City, Canada

- **Programme Chair:** TBD
- **Conference Chairs:** Gilles Pesant and Claude-Guy Quimper
- **Additional Local Chair:** Louis Martin Rouseau

## CP 2013

Call for Bids will be circulated shortly.

# ACP Web-sites

## New Site

New site coming online with fully up-to-date information and an online member account system.

<http://4c110.ucc.ie/aiai/acp-demo/>

## ACP Web-site

<http://www.4c.ucc.ie/acp>

<http://www.a4cp.org>

## CP Online

<http://www.4c.ucc.ie/cponline>

<http://www.cponline.org>



# ACP Summer School on Constraint Programming

## 2010 Summer School

- 3-7 May, Aussois, France
- Organized by Y. Deville and C. Solnon
- Program included both introductory courses on the grounds of CP, with practicals with the Comet programming language, and advanced courses on challenging research areas of CP.
- The speakers were Yves Deville, Pierre Flener, Christophe Lecoutre, Laurent Michel, Gilles Pesant, Jean-Charles Régim, Thomas Schiex, Christine Solnon, and Pascal Van Hentenryck.
- 51 participants

## 2011 Summer School

We know of one excellent bid, but others will be welcome in response to the Call for Bids.

# Establishment of a CP Standardisation Working Group

- Autumn of 2008, Jacob Feldman (4C) and Narendra Jussien (Ecole des Mines, Nantes) proposed to establish a Standardization Work Group supported by the ACP.
- Inclusive participation
- <http://www.cpstandards.org>
- On March 25, 2010 Java Community Process (JCP) published the Early Draft Review of the JSR-331 “Constraint Programming API”
- Discussion Forum
- Focus on working towards standards to make CP advances available to the **business** community.
- Please attend tomorrow's discussion panel on this subject.
- **JSR 331 has been nominated for most innovative JSR of the year for JCP Program Awards.**

# ACP Distinguished Service Award 2010

## This year's recipient

Francesca Rossi, University of Padova.

**Nominated by:** Christian Bessiere.

## Award Committee

Dave Cohen, Ian Gent, Jimmy Lee, Barry O'Sullivan (Chair), and Peter Stuckey.

# ACP Doctoral Research Award 2010

**This year's recipient – presentation at 10am**

Guido Tack, “Constraint propagation: Models, techniques, implementation”

**Nominated by:** Christian Schulte.

**Award Committee**

Brahim Hnich, John Hooker (Chair), Mark Wallace.

# ACP Research Excellence Award 2011

A Call for Nominations will be circulated for the 2011 award.

# Announcements from the Constraints Journal

## Surveys Editor, Thomas Schiex, INRA Toulouse, France

Survey papers provide a full-length, state-of-the-art review on a well-defined topic. References to other media, such as stable web references, executable code or sources, benchmarks, videos, and animations, are welcome. Proposals for survey articles may cover theoretical or application-oriented topics that have witnessed significant developments and have not been recently surveyed.

# Announcements from the Constraints Journal

## Applications Editor, Helmut Simonis, 4C, Ireland

Application papers describe real-life applications of Constraint Programming in areas such as industry, education, health, and government. Papers discussing real-life oriented benchmark problems, especially comparing constraint formulations with other solution techniques, will also be considered. Submissions will be critically refereed considering novelty, impact and awareness of related work.

# Announcements from the Constraints Journal

## Letters Editor, Chris Beck, University of Toronto, Canada

Letters are welcome on any topic relevant to the journal scope which present novel, high-quality research that has not appeared and is not under review elsewhere, including in a conference. Letters provide a forum for considering contributions, such as important technical results, experimental results providing a relevant evaluation of a previously proposed algorithm (by the author of the Letter or others), or improvements and corrections of results already in the literature.



# Secretary's Report – 2010 ACP EC Election

- Dictated by the new By-laws passed at CP 2007
- Election Committee appointed by the EC and chaired by the Secretary
  - ▶ Jimmy Lee (Chair)
  - ▶ John Hooker
  - ▶ Barry O'Sullivan
  - ▶ Peter Stuckey
- **The Election Committee:** Nominate at least one person for every vacancy; Receive nominations from the community; Run the election.
- **Retiring EC members:**
  - ▶ Karen Petrie and Roland Yap (elected to 2-year term in 2008)
  - ▶ Pedro Meseguer and Thomas Schiex (elected to 3-year term in 2007)
- 4 vacancies of 4-year term

# 10 Nominations

- Pedro Barahona
- Stefano Bistarelli
- Yves Deville
- Peter Jeavons
- Karen Petrie
- Thomas Schiex
- Paul Shaw
- Helmut Simonis
- Christine Solnon
- Roland Yap

# The Election

## Details

- Voting period: August 1 to 31, 2010
- Number of votes: 128
- Newly elected EC members
  - ▶ Yves Deville
  - ▶ Thomas Schiex
  - ▶ Helmut Simonis
  - ▶ Roland Yap

# The 2011 ACP EC

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