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Welcome from the new WG 8.2 Chair



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This is my first article for Oasis as Chair of IFIP Working Group 8.2. I would like to start by welcoming all new members to 8.2 and thank existing ones for their contributions (more on this below).

What I have always found fascinating about 8.2 is the apparent paradox of a very high level of critical, intellectual debate, combined with a very friendly, welcoming atmosphere. This contrast is illustrated by the highly regarded, rigorously refereed working conferences on the one hand, and the OASIS workshops on the other (the OASIS workshops are designed to be inclusive and to encourage new researchers to present their work in a friendly atmosphere).

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OASIS Workshop - December 2005



The IFIP Working Group 8.2 Oasis Workshop was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, on December 11, 2005. The workshop was organized by Helena Holmstrom (SE) and Elizabeth Rossen (US). Sixty research abstracts were presented in two parallel tracks. In typical IFIP WG 8.2 style, many long-standing 8.2 members attended to absorb new ideas and provide valuable feedback, bringing total attendance to

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Audience members enjoying the workshop

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All photos in this issue by WG 8.2 past-president Ken Kendall.

Las Vegas OASIS Workshop (continued)

approximately 100. A number of the new presenters commented on the welcoming atmosphere of the group and asked how they could become members!

The presentations were organized by general topic area. There were two sessions each on IS Development/IS Research, and IT and New Ways of Working/Living, as well as sessions organized around the Internet and E-services, IS Adoption, Knowledge Management Systems, IS and Ethics, and Information Systems and Organizations. Because the time available for each presentation was so short, and time for discussion so limited, each presenter was provided with an envelope to use to collect business cards of those who wanted more information or further discussion about the research area. Abstracts from the workshop are available at: <http://www.ifipwg82.org/Oasis2005/index.html>



OASIS organizer Helena Holmstrom receives a well-deserved hug at the conclusion of the workshop held in Las Vegas.

OASIS Workshop 10 December 2006

Preliminary Call for Papers and Detailed Abstracts

Organizations and Society in Information Systems (OASIS) Workshop

Co-chairs: Matt Germonprez and Michel Avital

Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA
9 AM-3:30 PM Sunday 10 December 2006
(immediately before ICIS)

Submissions: To present, please submit a 500-word abstract of your work to oasis2006@ifipwg82.org by 15 October 2006. We anticipate that submitters will be given about 10-15 minutes to present their work to the assembled group, followed by 5-10 minutes for questions from the audience. The exact timing and review process will depend on the number of abstracts received. Proposals will be made available online prior to the meeting. Authors submitting proposals must grant the IFIP WG 8.2 the right to publish them online, but retain all other copyrights.

Registration. There will be a nominal registration fee to cover the cost of coffee breaks, AV equipment and copying.

IFIP WG 8.2 Business Meeting: All workshop attendees and anyone interested in WG 8.2 are encouraged to attend the WG business meeting that will follow the workshop at 4 PM. At the business meeting, we will discuss future workshops and working conferences, elect new members to the working group and conduct other business.

Questions: Please email any questions regarding this workshop to oasis2006@ifipwg82.org

Chair's message (continued)

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I hope that, especially over the next three years during my tenure as Chair, that we are able to preserve and enhance our unique 8.2 culture. I hope that we can continue to be a venue for presenting and debating leading research of the highest quality, continue to have "interesting" social events, while at the same time nurturing and mentoring newer and less experienced researchers.

The best way to experience this unique culture of 8.2 is to attend one of our workshops and/ or conferences. Therefore I encourage you to attend our next OASIS workshop (further details are included in this issue). I am sure it will be an excellent event, as usual. OASIS is being held in conjunction with ICIS in Milwaukee. As I said earlier, OASIS is an excellent venue for researchers new to the group, those with new ideas, or those who would like to present their research in progress. I hope to attend at least some of this event, so I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members, friends and officers of IFIP WG 8.2 who continue to contribute to the group in a variety of ways. In particular, I would like to thank the outgoing Chair, Julie Kendall (US), and Nancy Russo (who served for the last three years as Secretary). I also wish to thank Julie's predecessor, David Avison (FR), with whom I served for three years as Secretary from 2000 to 2002. I look forward to working with our new team of Nancy Russo (US) as Vice-Chair and Brian Fitzgerald (IE) as Secretary for the next three years.

Minutes of the IFIP 8.2 Business Meeting

Las Vegas, USA, December 11, 2005

Michael Myers (NZ), Chair, called the meeting to order at 16:00 PM. Michael welcomed the new officers, Nancy Russo (US) Vice Chair, and Brian Fitzgerald (IE) Secretary.

Michael thanked the outgoing Chair, Julie Kendall (US) for her service and presented her with a plaque to mark the occasion.

Michael thanked the organizers of the OASIS Conference, Helena Holmstrom (IE) and Elizabeth Rossen (US) on a very successful meeting.

1. Past Meetings

Michael reviewed past meetings of the Working Group from 2003-2005, highlighting the variety of topics.

Helena Holmstrom (IE) summarized the OASIS Workshop which had just taken place.

2. Future Meetings

Brian Fitzgerald (IE) provided information on the Summer 2006 Working Conference to be held in Limerick, Ireland on 12-15 July. The conference theme is Social Inclusion: Societal and Organisational Implications for Information Systems. The General Chair will be Julie Kendall (US). The Program Chairs will be Debra Howcroft (UK) and Eileen Trauth (US) and the Organizing Chairs are Tom Butler (IE) and Brian Fitzgerald (IE). About 60 submissions have been received and about 24 full papers may be accepted. For information, see <http://www.ifip82-2006.ul.ie/>.

Michael Myers (NZ) spoke about the IFIP TC8 30th Anniversary Conference to be held in Santiago, Chile. Theme: "The past and future of Information Systems: 1976-2006 and beyond". Conference Dates: 20-25 August 2006 (in conjunction with IFIP World Computer Congress). Conference Chair: J. Dewald Roode (SA); Program Chairs: David Avison (UK), Steve Elliot (US), John Krogstie (NO), and Jan Pries-Heje (DK). Papers due 15 January 2006 (see 8.2 website for more details)

Kevin Crowston (US) and Eleanor Wynn (US) provided information on the summer 2007 Working Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, USA on 29-31 July. The conference theme is Virtuality and Virtualization in Organizations, with an anticipated submission date of February 2007. The General Chair will be Wanda Orlikowski (US). The Program Chairs will be Kevin Crowston (US) and Sandra Sieber (ES) and the Organizing Chair is Eleanor Wynn (US).

Catherine Middleton (CA) spoke about an Oasis Workshop to be held Montreal in December 2007, on the day preceding ICIS, by Wendy Cukier (CA), Ojelanki Ngwenyama (CA), and Catherine Middleton (CA).

3. Proposals for New Conferences/Workshops

Nancy Russo (US) spoke on behalf of Matt Germonprez (US) about an OASIS Workshop planned for Milwaukee in December 2006 prior to ICIS. It was MSC that this workshop be approved.

Catherine Middleton and Ojelanki Ngwenyama (CA) discussed a Working Conference in on 10-13 Aug 2008 in Toronto prior to AMCIS. The theme would be Information Technology in a Service Economy: Challenges and Possibilities for the 21st Century. General Chair Ojelanki Ngwenyama, Program Chairs: Michael Barrett (UK) and Liz Davidson (US). Organising Chair: Catherine Middleton.

Isabel Ramos (PT) spoke about a Conference proposed for Summer 2008 Guimarães, Portugal. The theme would be the role of IS in leveraging intelligence and creativity in SMEs. General Chairs would be Dewald Roode and Rick Watson (US). The Program Chairs would be Bernd Stahl (UK), Gurpreet Dhillon (US) and Richard Baskerville (US). The Organising Chair would be Isabel Ramos.

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There followed a discussion on the relative merits of both proposals. Duane Truex (US) spoke about the possibility of having two conferences per year. Heinz Klein (US) suggested moving Portugal to Dec 2006 to precede ICIS in Paris. Brian Fitzgerald suggested that a 6-month gap between Conferences might not be enough to generate papers for both. Ken Peffers (HK) suggested approving both and deciding dates subsequently. Michael Myers suggested a vote on which proposal should be accepted for 2008. Both proposals were put to the floor. The Toronto proposal was approved by 16-11. Portugal was approved for a Conference in 2009.

Michael Myers requested members to consider making a proposal for a December 2008 OASIS workshop in Paris (in conjunction with ICIS).

4. Election of New Members

The following members of IFIP WG 8.2 were nominated and approved for membership, subject to verification of their attendance record by the Secretary. Congratulations!

- Pamela Abbott, University College Dublin, EI
- Hala Annabi, University of Washington, US
- Pratyush Bharati, UMASS, US
- Ben Light, University of Salford, UK
- Hideyuki Matsumoto, Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc, UK
- Tuure Tuunanen, University of Auckland, NZ

5. Other Business

Helena Holmstrom (IE) discussed the large number of OASIS submissions for the workshop just held. Some discussion followed on the OASIS format and selection criteria. Ulrike Schultze (US) discussed the Academy of Management format for seminars and poster sessions. Kevin Crowston (US) proposed a Task Force of previous OASIS chairs to examine this to be chaired by Nancy Russo. The proposal was MSC.

Kevin Crowston (US) proposed a Task Force to investigate the IFIP 8.2 publication mode. The proposal was MSC. It will be chaired by Sandra Sieber (ES) and will comprise former Program Chairs and Jan De Gross (US).

Ken Kendall (US) spoke about the Awards Task Force for determining recipients of the Silver Core and Outstanding Service Awards. The Silver Core recognizes those who have served IFIP as General Assembly members, committee and working group officers, and members of the IFIP Congress Program Committees. Ken will continue to chair the Task Force which will comprise previous award holders.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30 PM.

Brian Fitzgerald (IE), Secretary



Current Chair Michael Myers presents previous Chair Julie Kendall with a plaque recognizing her contributions to IFIP WG 8.2, and the appreciation of the group.



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Special pricing to IFIP WG 8.2 Members

In order to increase awareness of the journal, Taylor and Francis is willing to offer the journal to the members of IFIP: 8.2 Working Group at a discount. Thus an annual subscription would be deeply discounted from the individual rate of \$135 (£81) (2006 rate) to \$59 (£38).

IFIP: 8.2 Working Group Members may order *The Information Society* at this special rate by emailing customerservice@taylorandfrancis.com or phoning (215) 625-8900 x 216.

We ask that members clearly mention the special rate of \$59 (£38). This price is not available on the journal website.

For more information on the journal, please visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/01972243.asp>



Calling all former Oasis Workshop Chairs ... and other interested parties

Due to the increasing popularity of our warm and welcoming Oasis workshops, leading to a nearly unmanageable number of submissions, we have been asked to form a Task Force to look into how future workshop chairs might address this issue. Ideas that have been presented so far include topic tables and poster sessions to provide a different venue for contributions and a reviewing process to select a smaller set of the abstracts for presentation. Potential sponsorship for the workshop and the inclusion of lunch have also been put forth as possibilities.

In considering these and other creative suggestions, we do have to keep in mind that the workshops are not intended to be mini-conferences. The workshop format is one that should encourage the exchange of ideas, and in particular encourage new researchers and those researching in new areas to bring their work to the group for constructive feedback.

Contact Nancy Russo at nrusso@niu.edu to participate in this Task Force. A report will be made at the December 2006 Business Meeting in Milwaukee.

Forthcoming IFIP WG 8.2 Conferences and Workshops

- **Oasis Workshop**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 10 December, 2006 (immediately before ICIS). See more information in this issue.
- **"Virtuality and Virtualization in Organizations,"** IFIP 8.2 Working Conference, Portland, OR, USA, 29-31 July 2007. The organizing chair is Eleanor Wynn (US). Program Chairs are Kevin Crowston (US) and Sandra Sieber (ES). General Chair is Wanda Orlikowski (US). Anticipated submission date 1 November 2006. Check out the IFIP WG 8.2 website for further details on the conference (www.ifipwg82.org).