

## “IFIP on HCI” – Newsletter 2/2009

### 1. Editorial

This is the third issue of a newsletter published twice a year to keep the international HCI community informed about ongoing HCI activities in IFIP, the International Federation for Information Processing. It is distributed by the Technical Committee 13 on “Human-Computer Interaction” (IFIP TC 13).

TC 13 has 35 representatives from IFIP member countries, 7 working groups (WGs) and 2 special interest groups (SIGs).

Details about all aspects of IFIP TC 13 can be found on the website:

<http://ifip-hci.org>

General information on IFIP is available at

<http://www.ifip.org/>

### 2. News from WGs and SIGs

Working group WG 13.7 on “HCI and Visualisation” has started its work recently. The chairman is Achim Ebert ([achimebert@acm.org](mailto:achimebert@acm.org)).

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are possible for informal international cooperation. Details for setting up a SIG can be obtained from

Phil D. Gray, e-mail: [p.d.g@dcs.gla.ac.uk](mailto:p.d.g@dcs.gla.ac.uk).

Two SIGs have been established so far:

SIG 13.1 *Interaction Design and International Development*.

Contact: Andy Dearden, [a.m.dearden@shu.ac.uk](mailto:a.m.dearden@shu.ac.uk).

SIG 13.2 “Children and HCI” has been approved recently.

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### 3. Conferences and Workshops

**INTERACT 2009** at Uppsala, Sweden, was a big success. The proceedings are available in two volumes:

#### **Human-Computer Interaction - INTERACT 2009**

12th IFIP TC 13 International Conference, Uppsala, Sweden, August 24-28, 2009, Proceedings Part I & II

Gross, T.; Gulliksen, J.; Kotzé, P.; Oestreicher, L.; Palanque, P.; Prates, R.O.; Winckler, M. (Eds.). Springer Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Subseries: Information Systems and Applications, incl. Internet/Web, and HCI, Vol. 5726 & 5727 (ISBN: 978-3-642-03657-5 & 978-3-642-03657-6)  
*Online versions available*

**Human Computer Interaction (HCI 2010)**, will be part of the IFIP World Computer Congress, **WCC 2010**, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of IFIP, September 20 -23, in Brisbane, Australia.

<http://www.wcc2010.com/hci2010>

The next big event will be **INTERACT 2011 “Building Bridges”**, the 13th IFIP conference on Human-Computer Interaction: probably July 11-15, 2011, in Lisbon, Portugal.

<http://interact2011.org/>

#### 4. IFIP News

IFIP has started its own **digital library**, which shall provide free access to all IFIP publications.

Please try it at

<http://dl.ifip.org/>

Maybe it is not operational due to technical reasons.

#### 5. Activities in Member Countries

##### Belgium

**ITEC2010** - 1st International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research on Technology, Education and Communication, 25 - 27 May 2010, Kortrijk, Belgium

<http://www.kuleuven-kortrijk.be/itec2010>

This conference is the first in a series of conferences that serves as a forum for an international community of researchers. The aim is to bring together researchers to interact and exchange ideas within the fields of

- Computer sciences : distributed decision support, agent based systems, heuristic optimization, heuristics for data mining, distributed search
- Applied Linguistics : electronic language learning environments, language testing, CorpusCALL, authoring systems
- Methodology : statistical modelling, item response theory, data mining, electronic assessment
- Educational Technology : adaptive & adaptable learning environments, instructional design, game-based learning, learner characteristics, mobile learning

##### Finland

Pervasive 2010, the 8th International Conference on Pervasive Computing, will be held 17-20 May, 2010 in Helsinki, Finland,

<http://www.pervasive2010.org/>

##### Germany

The annual German conference **Humans & Computers (Mensch & Computer 2010 - interactive cultures)** will be held 12 - 15 September 2010, in Duisburg, Germany. It will contain a special track on entertainment interfaces and will be combined with an e-learning conference and UPA activities.

##### Scandinavia

###### **NordiCHI 2010: Extending boundaries**

The 6th Nordic Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, 16-20 October 2010, in Reykjavik, Iceland,

NordiCHI is:

- The main Nordic forum for human-computer interaction research, with the conference proceedings published by ACM.
- A meeting place for people from a broad range of traditions and communities, concerned with humans in a world empowered by computer technologies.
- Biannual, having previously been held in Stockholm (2000), Århus (2002), Tampere (2004), Oslo (2006) and Lund (2008).

<http://www.nordichi2010.org>

##### Hungary

Accreditation of **curriculum** of Joint Study Programme on **Accessible Web Design** ('web\_access') Cecilia Sik Lanyi has prepared the necessary documents for registering a professional development program (60 ECTS) called „Accessible WEB designer” at the Educational Authority.

8th **Lux et Color Veszprimiensis Symposium** was organised in Veszprem, 15-16 October 2009.

There were two invited lectures, one was presented by Wout van Bommel, his lecture title was “Lighting tomorrow: what’s hot” the other was Lajos Izso, his lecture title was: “Web-site usability”. The Human Computer Interaction & Design for All (HCI&DfA) group members presented 4 lectures at the symposium.

**HCI and Ergonomic Education Symposium** was organised 18th November 2009 in Budapest. The specialists who are responsible in the higher education for the subject HCI and ergonomic education showed their curricula and spoke about the quality of education and further cooperation and the renewal of the educational materials.

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## **India**

Two Co-located conferences along with the TC13 meeting in March 2010 - IDID 2010 and India HCI 2010, 20-24 April, Bombay, India.

**IDID or Interaction Design for International Development** is a conference organised by a TC13 SIG with the same name. Submit papers and design case studies relevant to interaction design in developing countries. Papers and design case studies could be related to economic development (e.g. projects related to poverty, employment, efficiency, reach etc.), social development, education, literacy etc.

**India HCI** is a national conference with participation and support from several educational institutions, research institutions and industry partners in India. Submit a wide ranging papers and design case studies here - anything that you believe is of interest to Indian HCI researchers and practitioners. Non-exhaustive list includes new techniques in user studies, design and evaluation, integrating HCI in business models, remote UTs, spreading HCI in an Indian organisation, design case studies related to Indian HCI etc. There are several pre-conference workshops and tutorials planned (to be announced very soon). Also invited are industry track presentations and student design projects. For details visit

<http://www.indiahci.in/>

## **Japan**

A Japanese organization on the human-centered design, **HCD-Net**, started its activity 5 years ago. It is the largest community of practitioners and researchers in Japan on usability engineering. It also focuses on the Kansei engineering and other disciplines and collaborates with domestic societies such as Japan Ergonomics Society, Human Interface Society, The Japanese Psychological Association, Japan Technical Communicators Association and Japan Society of Kansei Engineering, that demonstrates its wide range of activity domain. There are 6 departments including Research Department, Education Department, Diffusion Department, Authentication Department, Development Department and International Department that are holding various activities such as the symposium, the tutorial, the workshop, etc. It also conducts the certification for the usability professionals and the usability contest of local government websites. Although main activities are held in Japanese language, it has an International Advisory Board and the English version of the web site at

<http://www.hcdnet.org/en/>><http://www.hcdnet.org/en/>

(that is now under re-construction and will be released on Feb. 2010).

## **Asia**

A joint international conference of **APCHI - Asia Pacific Computer Human Interaction - 2010** and **Ergofuture 2010** will be held in Bali, Indonesia Aug. 3-5, 2010. Before and after the conference, there will be some other programs. On Aug. 2, there will be a pre-conference events (symposium, workshop and tutorial) and on Aug 6, there will be a technical visit and tour. The conference venue is Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel and Suites, about 20 minutes from International Airport Ngurah Rai. Proposal submission is set on Feb. 28, 2010 and full paper submission is scheduled on May 31, 2010. You can contact the secretariat at [ergofuture2010@yahoo.co.id](mailto:ergofuture2010@yahoo.co.id)

## **7. How to participate in HCI activities of TC13?**

- Read this newsletter and look at the website of TC13 to be informed.
- Contribute to and participate in really international conferences and workshops;
- Volunteer ....
- as a proposer, member or chair of one of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), which are a new offering, especially for younger researchers;
- as a member of one of the Working Groups (WGs),

- as a national representative,
- as a member of program committees;
- host and organize workshops and conferences;
- offer tutorials at conferences or in developing countries, and
- there are many more opportunities for really international exchange.

There are limited funds available for people from developing countries for participating in TC13 events. Contact the chairperson for details.

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