
WELCOME

To the BCS-IRSG Annual General Meeting 2010



Thursday 21st October 2010

Annual General Meeting Agenda

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Report from the Chair

- IR Events supported this year



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Report from the Chair

- Informer

- Editor Tony has continued to do a fantastic job!
- Slowed down a bit for various reasons
- New book review editor: Cathal Gurrin

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Welcome to the Spring Edition of Informer. Not surprisingly, thoughts at this time of year are dominated by two major upcoming events.

First of these is Search Solutions, our main practitioner event of 2007, which will be held at BCS Headquarters in Covent Garden on May 23. We have an excellent programme of speakers, and as promised attendance will be limited to keep the event focused and interactive and allow plenty of opportunity for networking with fellow delegates and presenters.

On the preceding evening at the same venue is our AGM, which is your opportunity to meet your IRSG colleagues and help shape the direction and purpose of the group. The AGM takes on particular significance this year, since (as some of you may be aware) the BCS is in the process of reviewing how it operates its Specialist Groups, and how they will relate to other organisational structures such as the BCS Forums.

In particular, one proposal currently under review is to evolve the forums and Specialist Groups into a new structure tentatively called "Knowledge Communities". As some of you may recall, our Feature Article in the Winter Issue touched on this, with Conrad Taylor's vision for a new community dedicated to Knowledge, Information, Data and Metadata Management (or "KIDMM").

In principle, such a development should present welcome opportunities for a group such as the IRSG, given our professional interests in information sharing, knowledge organisation, knowledge management and so on. But it does raise some fundamental questions regarding the role and purpose of the Group, and how it would operate under such an arrangement. For example, what kind of group would an "IRKC" be? How would it relate to other emergent communities such as

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Informer is the quarterly newsletter of the BCS Information Retrieval Specialist Group (IRSG). It is distributed free to all members. The IRSG is free to join via the BCS website (<http://irsg.bcs.org>), which provides access to further IR articles, events and resources.

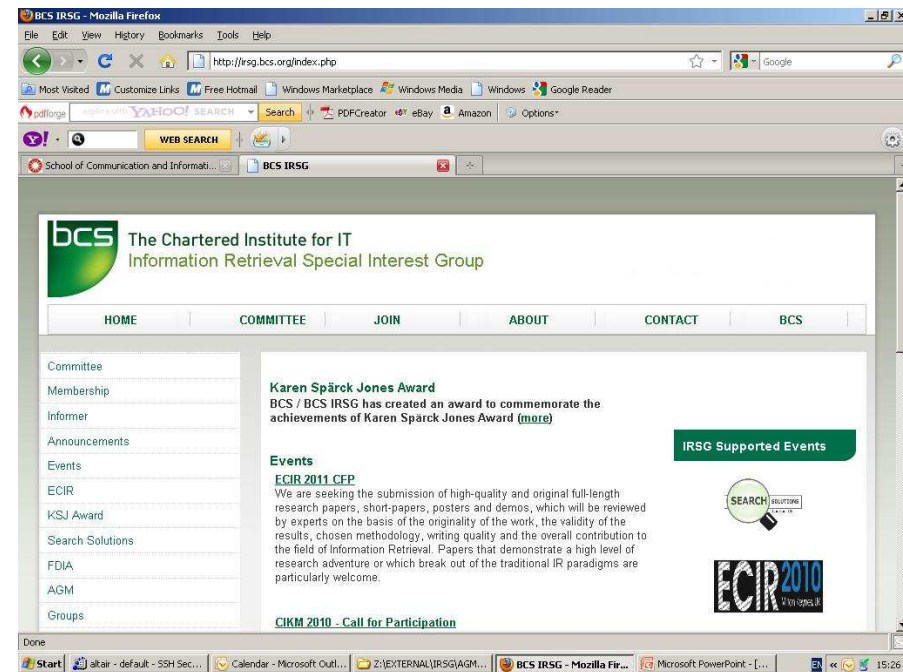
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Report from the Chair

- Website

- Murat has continued his sterling work on the website
- Important Resource for the Community



Report from the Chair



- Karen Spark-Jones Award – 1st Award
- Awarded at ECIR 2010
- 2009 Winner - **Mirella Lapata, University of Edinburgh**
- Timeline for 2010 Award:
 - Mid/End November, 2010 - Deadline for nominations
 - 15 December, 2010 - Notification of the prize winner.
 - 18-21 March, 2011- Winner presents keynote at ECIR
- Contact: Ayse Goker (email:ayse.goker.1@soi.city.ac.uk)

Report from the Chair

- BCS-IRSG European Conference in IR

- ECIR 2010 Milton Keynes
- Very well run and successful conference
- Excellent number of submissions & quality
 - 44 papers accepted from 202 papers submitted (rate 22% - 61% students of those accepted were students)
 - 23 Posters, 5 Demonstrations from 73 submitted (rate 38%)
 - 2 well regarded keynote speakers + KSJ Keynote speaker
- Sponsorship from GCHQ, Google, MS Research, Yahoo! Research, IRF, Exalead, Active Web Solutions, funnelback, apriorie, flax, springer
- 1st KSJ Award



Report from the Chair



- BCS-IRSG European Conference in IR
 - ECIR 2011 to be held in Dublin: 18-21 April 2011
 - Organised by Dublin City University
 - Workshops/Tutorials/Papers deadline past
 - Posters/Demonstrations due on 29th October 2010
 - Notifications 6th December 2010
 - ECIR 2012
 - Competitive with 2 excellent bids
 - 1 Spanish, 1 Austrian
 - And the host of ECIR 2012 will be Barcelona!

Report from the Chair



- International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval
- 4 Bids from:
 - University of Lugano/Fondazione Ugo Bordonio, Switzerland/Italy
 - Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
 - Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands
 - SICS/TUCS, Stockholm/Turku, Sweden/Finland
- Next ICTIR in 2011: Award to Switzerland/Italy Bid
 - Bertinoro, Italy, 19-21 September 2011

Report from the Chair



- Teaching and Learning in IR in ‘Information Retrieval’.
- Continued to build on the theme from TLIR 2007/TLIR 2008 workshops organised by BCS IRSG.
 - Edited book – Springer-Verlag
- 37 Chapter proposals received – Reviewed by Editors
- 16 Chapters received – Reviewed by PC
- 13 Accepted, 3 Reject (Rate: 81% on received, 35% on proposed)
- Chapters due 27th October 2010
- Timeline slipped slightly, but should be published later this year, early next

Many thanks to all the committee members for their hard work!

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Report from the Treasurer



– Over to Stefan Ruger

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