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
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
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 Bordoni, 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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