

JCDL Steering Committee
Annual Meeting
September 10, 2014
Held at DL 2014, London, UK

In Attendance:

Ed Fox (Chair, Member-at-Large)
José Borbinha (TPDL Representative)
Sally Jo Cunningham (Member-at-Large) (via Skype)
J. Stephen Downie (Member-at-Large)
Richard Furuta (TCDL Representative) (via Skype)
Maureen Henninger (Member-at-Large) (via Skype)
Unmil Karadkar (Publicity Chair) (via Skype)
Ron Larsen (Member-at-Large)
Cathy Marshall (SIGWEB Representative)
Michael Nelson (Member-at-Large)
Edie Rasmussen (SIGIR Representative)
Shigeo Sugimoto (ICADL Representative)

Excused:

Herbert Van de Sompel (Member-at-Large)

Guests:

Paul Bogen (General Co-Chair, JCDL 2015) (via Skype)
George Buchanan (Chair, DL 2014)
Martin Klein (Program Co-Chair, DL 2014)
Christos Papatheodorou (Chair, TPDL Steering Committee)
Andreas Rauber (Program Co-Chair, DL 2014)
Rudi Schmiede (Executive Vice-Chair, TCDL)

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the JCDL Steering Committee on July 23, 2013, were previously circulated for approval.

2. Report on DL 2015

DL 2014 is a joint meeting of JCDL and TPDL (the European conference, Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries), with George Buchanan as General Chair. George reported that as of the current date, there were 240-250 registrations, with over 240 for the main conference and about 30 for the tutorials. One workshop has attracted 100 registrations, several others will have 30 or

more. The Doctoral Consortium, which took place the previous day, had 25 participants (including doctoral students, panel, and guests). George expected that the conference would make a small profit.

There was some discussion about the relatively low attendance of the combined JCDL – TPDL conference; it was felt that the timing of the conference, in early September, was a problem for potential attendees, particularly those from North American universities.

The reviewing process for DL 2014 was discussed. The chairs set a goal of at least 4 reviews plus a meta review for each paper. Though there was no in-person PC meeting, the process was felt to have worked well. It was suggested that detailed instructions for the meta-reviewers be provided. This item should be added to the ‘continuity list’ for future organizers.

3. Discussion with TPDL Steering Committee

There was some discussion on future co-operation between JCDL and TPDL. TPDL Chair Christos Papatheodorou indicated that TPDL conferences were arranged through 2017, so the earliest future co-operation would be in 2018, with a North American venue in mind.

Christos reported that TPDL would be held in Poznań, Poland on September 14-18, 2015.

At this point guests from the TPDL Steering Committee adjourned for their own meeting.

4. Report on JCDL 2015

JCDL 2015 General Co-Chair Paul Bogen reported on progress for JCDL 2015, to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, June 21 to 25, 2015. The conference website is www.jcdl2015.org. At this point, the TMRP is ready and awaiting signatures. The organizers plan to use professional conference support.

It was suggested that conference chairs should be linked to a “point person” on the JCDL Steering Committee for continuity; Rick Furuta agreed to serve in this capacity.

5. Conferences after 2015

At this point future conference organizers/venues have not been confirmed. For 2016, a few venues were suggested where there might be one or more potential organizers. Nabil Adam had expressed some willingness to develop a proposal for an East Coast venue. Other suggestions made during the meeting were Montreal, Albuquerque, Toronto, Palo Alto (Stanford). Further work is needed to encourage development of a proposal.

There was some discussion about the potential of the Boston area for JCDL 2017. The potential of co-locating with Digital Humanities, which will be in North American in 2017, was also discussed.

6. Steering Committee Elections

Three terms ended in 2014. Cathy Marshall, who had filled in as SIGWEB representative on an interim basis, was re-appointed for a new term (to 2017). Two members-at-large, Ed Fox and Michael Nelson, were re-nominated and elected by acclamation (terms to 2017). Michael Nelson was nominated as Chair of the Steering Committee and elected by acclamation (a two-year term to 2016).

7. Other Business

A query was referred to the Steering Committee from the Town Meeting on the potential for webinars for the DL community. José Borbinha and Rick Furuta agreed to pursue the idea with Rudi Schmiede and Nicola Ferro of TCDL.

The public session of the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Ed Fox for his effective leadership over his terms as Chair of the Steering Committee.

8. Executive Session

Guests left and the meeting moved to executive session to discuss a confidential issue raised by one of the Steering Committee members.