

## Otto Spaniol (German TC6 delegate) Candidacy for IFIP-TC6 chairmanship:

### Short CV:

- I have been born in 1945 and I'm a citizen of Germany.
- I had professorships for computer science (operating systems, computer architecture, communication and distributed systems) in Saarbruecken, Bonn, Frankfurt, and Aachen).
- Since 1983, I'm the IFIP TC6 delegate for Germany.  
Particular emphasis for TC6 related activities are devoted to the following working group activities : WG 6.2, WG 6.3, WG 6.7, WG 6.8, and (as a particular case) WG 6.9.  
However, this list doesn't mean at all that I neglect other WG's. The contrary is true: I have been always seeking for new and emerging areas of interest for TC6. Under my former chairmanship, the working groups 6.3 and 6.7-6.10 have been newly created, some others have been remodeled and one has been disbanded (WG 6.5).

### Statement of interest for the TC6 Chairmanship position and specific actions planned:

- As already mentioned, I'm only a candidate since nobody else appears to be willing to do the job. However, a chairman is needed in order to "defend" TC6 in IFIP Council and in IFIP General Assembly as well as to improve the visibility of TC6 inside and outside of IFIP. Moreover, we need better cooperation with other TC's (e.g. TC5, TC8, TC9, TC11 - to name just a few TC's - and probably TC3 in the upcoming area of distance learning).
- Generally, I would try to continue the excellent work done by Augusto Casaca during his chairmanship. My intention would be to make the meetings a little more technical (but I know from past experience that this will be very difficult to achieve due to the enormous amount of everyday business).
- We need a better representation of industry in TC6 (even if I cannot serve for that purpose personally). Whereas nominations are made by the national societies I hope that we can gradually achieve a better balance between academia and industry.
- Being an ICCC governor, I would try to keep good relations between IFIP TC6 and ICCC but of course I would defend the interests of TC6 at all times.
- A major emphasis would be to stop the trend that more and more former IFIP conference series are nowadays held only "in cooperation with" ACM, IEEE, and others. I see a risk that IFIP will not be much more than a junior partner for such events - including organisation, revenues and publications.
- The visibility of TC6 has to be re-improved in countries which are already members of IFIP (e.g. Australia, India, Malaysia,...) and new contacts have to be established with countries which are not yet in IFIP (Egypt, Mexico, Vietnam,...). Activities on the national level have to be increased in almost all countries which have TC6 delegates.
- New and interdisciplinary initiatives will have to be started such as on E-Commerce (which has

already resulted in TC6) but there are more of them such as "Informatics and Sports" where I'm actually preparing a first international conference.

- Other "unusual" actions planned : No concrete details can be given here since those actions have to be spontaneous and rather surprising.

Let me mention just one example of such an action from the recent past:

- The organisation of "30-year anniversary of TC6" in Lisbon (together with Kiril Boyanov and Augusto Casaca)
- and the subsequent initiatives such that this event became the winner of the "IFIP event of the year 2002" competition.

- Relation to IFIP Council and IFIP General Assembly:

I would try to enforce the TC6 position in Council and in GA. This will be not so easy due to the problems of the recent past (e.g. the conflict with the executive director of IFIP who supported TC6 in a very constructive way) but I hope that the situation will improve.

Of course I would participate in as many council and GA meetings as possible.