IFIP WORKING GROUP 6.9

Communication Systems for Developing Countries

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1. Reports from Conferences and Workshops held

1.1

The 2006 IFIP WG 6.9 workshop on Wireless Communications and Information Technology in Developing Countries (WCIT'2006)

The aim of this workshop is to bring together practitioners and researchers from both academia and industry in order to have a forum for discussions and technical presentations on the current practices and future opportunities in wireless Communications and Information Technology in Developing Countries. It is addressed to research papers, case studies or position papers describing current innovative & cost-effective technologies, applications and future opportunities in wireless communication systems and information technology in the context of Developing Countries.

Date and place of the event: **Santiago, Chile, August 20, 2006**

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- Number of submitted papers: **20 /** Accepted: 10 /Presented 8 /Attendees >70

- Publication of proceedings: all accepted papers will be published in a CD with own ISBN. Proceedings available at the Workshop.

- Number of reviewers for each paper   2/3

- Registration fee: 300 US$ jointly with WCC registration

- Electronic tool used for reviewing: the same provided for WCC 2006 (unsuccessfully)

- Use of loans or grants: none

1.2 *"Women in the Information Society: Ensuring their Full Participation in Latin America". "Las Mujeres en la Sociedad de la Información: Avanzando hacia su plena participación en América Latina"*

Summary

This workshop will address gender equity in the information society from the perspective of global progress; progress in Latin America; and then will focus on a few success stories in the region. Speakers will address and women's basic access to, benefit from and literacy in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), and the need to educate, recruit, retain and retrain engineering and ICT employees by targeting women to in order to maintain global and regional competitiveness.

This event was co-organized between IFIP-TC6, Hewlett-Packard, Centro de Modelamiento Matemático U. de Chile

Purpose

Provide attendees with a global and regional context for women and ICT, success stories and tools for improving gender equity in ICT for national, regional and global capacity building and social justice.

Objectives

1. Create awareness among attendees about the critical issues globally and regionally that impact women's full access, vocational training, qualifications, participation and leadership in engineering and ICT.
2. Present success stories globally and in the region
3. Present a global women's network response and the tool that has developed to facilitate sharing information, best practices and collaboration
4. Hear about the Gender Parity efforts in Chile and their implications for gender parity in ICT.
5. Hear of HP's interest and response to the challenges
6. Provide a resource fair for women working in technology related areas.
7. Through panels provide information relevant to the interests for the target group.
8. Provide a market to vendors for products to support women in technology

The target audience

1. Educators in ICT
2. Career women in technology
3. Next generation women in technology
4. Advocates for women exploring solutions to issues for women and ICT
5. Public and Private Associations for Women's' Development

When: August 20, 2006

Where: Santiago de Chile
                 Hotel Crowne Plaza, Salon Patagonia
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Attendance: >50

No registration fee was required

Use of loans or grants:
        IFIP TC6 provided 3500 € to contribute in covering travel expenses of speakers. Final expenses:
                Dr. Nancy Hafkin: 1300 US$
                Richard Duque: 1093 US$
                Claudia Morell: 1242 US$

        HP: 5000 € for the rest of speakers
        Centro de Modelamiento Matemático contributed with local arrangements and minor expenses.

1.3 Other events co-supported by WG 6.9

EUNICE 2006, Open European Summer School. Colmenarejo, Stuttgart, Germany
WG 6.9 co-participates with WG´s 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 in this event.

2   Plan for the next Conferences and Workshops

2.1. IFIP/ACM Latin America Networking Conference 2007. Encouraging Network
Research in Latin America
San José, Costa Rica, October 9-12, 2007

The Latin America Networking Conference 2007 will provide an international technical forum for experts from industry and academia everywhere in the world, but especially from the Latin American countries, to exchange ideas and present results of ongoing research in networking.
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2.2 The 2008 IFIP WG 6.9 International Workshop on Wireless Communications and Information Technology in Developing Countries (WCIT'2008). South Africa 2008

2.3. "Advance Course on Networking, Security and Verification" Maputo, Mozambique 2007. Being defined between ISUTC-UNU-TC6

3 Plan of WG meetings

The second virtual meeting is scheduled for December 2006 to report the activities of 2006, to discuss new ones and consider the inclusion of new members.

4 Aims and scope

No changes

5 Steering Committees

6 Membership

No new members from May until now

7 (Any other relevant items)