

ACM SIGIR Business Meeting

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SIGIR Officers

- Chair: Jamie Callan
- Vice-Chair: Fabrizio Sebastiani
- Secretary: David Lewis
- Treasurer: Justin Zobel

- Email: sigir-ec@acm.org
- Web: <http://www.acm.org/sigir>

SIGIR Advisors and Volunteers

- Regional Representative to the EC:
 - Noriko Kando (Asia)
- Information Officer: Eric Brown
- Forum Editors:
 - Fall: Peter Anick
 - Spring: Ian Ruthven
- JCDL Liason: Christine Borgman

Departing SIGIR Officers

- Chair: Susan Dumais
- Vice-Chair: Susan Gauch
- Secretary: Liz Liddy
- Treasurer: Jamie Callan
- Regional Representatives to the EC:
 - David Harper (Europe)
 - Ross Wilkinson (Australia/Asia)
- SIGIR Forum Editor: Mark Sanderson

Thanks for your hard work!

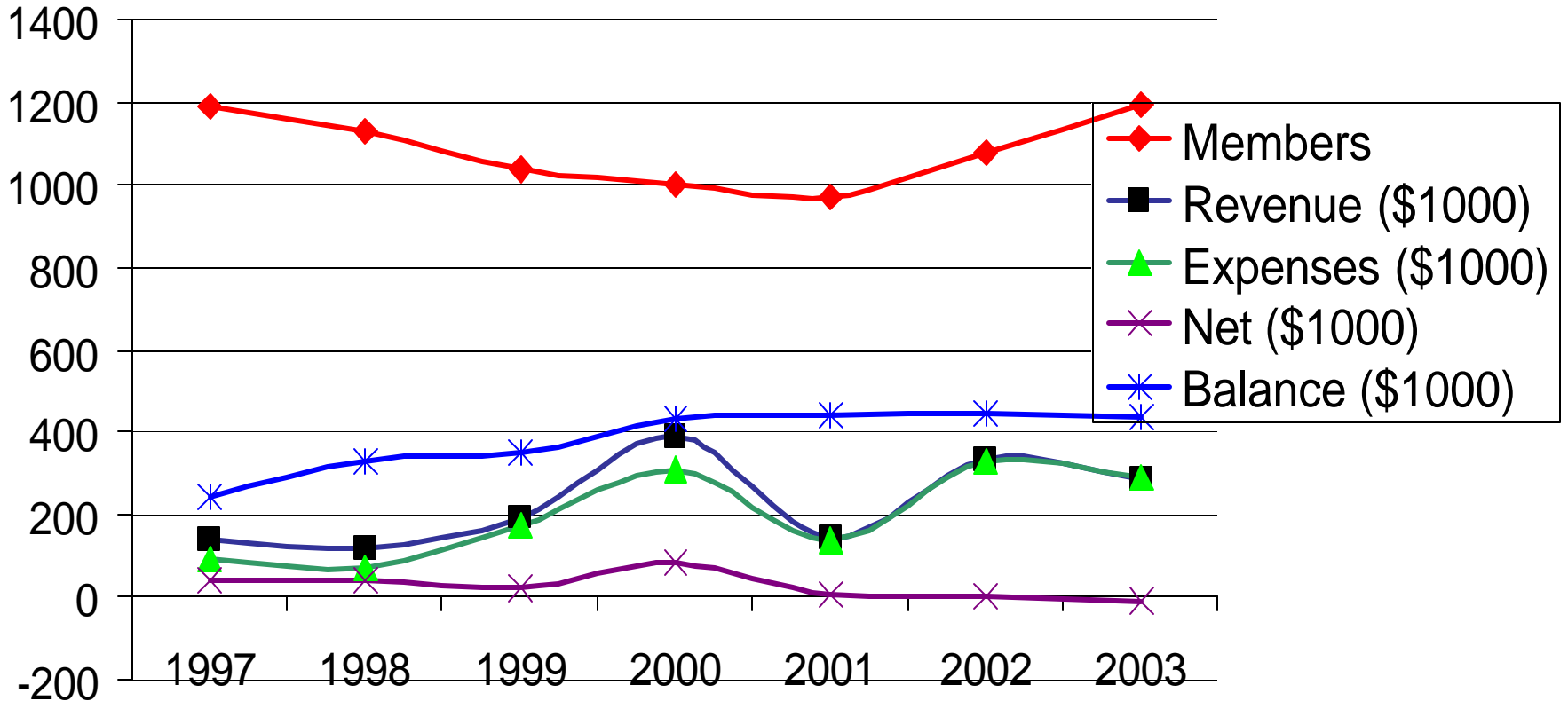
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2002 General Report

- Annual Report available online at:
 - <http://www.acm.org/sigir/>
- Strong quality and good international participation in conferences and publications
- Continue to work on
 - membership benefits
 - student involvement
 - international appeal
 - relevance to industrial members

SIGIR by the Numbers



SIGIR Financial Outlook: The Good News

- Recent increase in membership
- Growth in SIGIR Proceedings Package
- Conferences generally profitable
- Large fund balance

SIGIR Financial Outlook: The Bad News

- Declining sales of SIGIR proceedings
- Declining interest income
- Increasing ACM costs
- Increasing student travel & other costs
- Unpredictable conference income

SIGIR Financial Outlook: Assessment

SIGIR is healthy financially, but...

- Dues cover less than half our expenses
- We rely on conference profits to fund services (e.g., student travel, awards, ...)
- Executive Committee will continue to monitor conference finances closely

SIGIR Viability Review

- The ACM SIG Governing Board conducts a Viability Review of SIGIR every 4 years
 - Next one is September, 2003
- Not expected to be a problem...SIGIR is thriving
 - Stable membership
 - Successful conferences
 - Financially sound

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SIGIR Member Service Summary

- Student travel awards
- Best Paper and Best Student Paper awards
- Proceedings Package
- Proceedings/Forum Online
- SIGIR 25th Anniversary CD
- SIGIR Forum ... continues online
- SIG-IRList ... electronic newsletter
- ACM TOIS

Student Travel Awards, 2003

- \$18,550 awarded (down from \$20,400)
- 24 students (down from 26 last year)
- North America (14)
- Europe / Middle East (5)
- Australia / Asia (5)

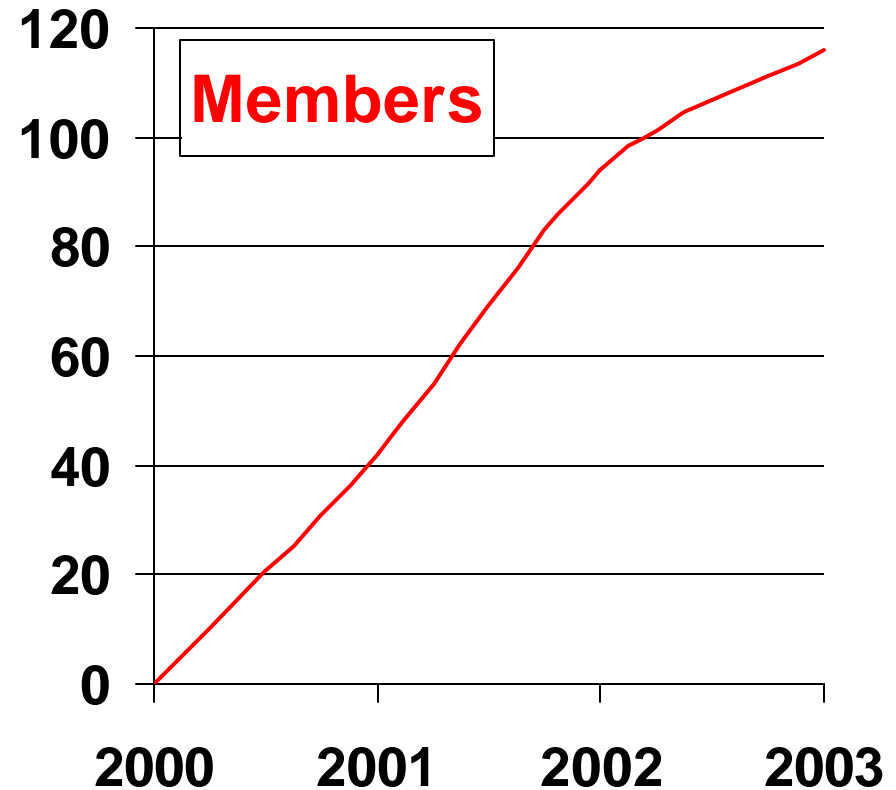
Award levels increased significantly this year

Best Paper and Best Student Paper Awards

- These awards are given by SIGIR (the organization), not the conference
- Award revisions
 - Old: US\$100/author
 - New: US\$1000/paper
 - Split evenly among authors
- Sponsored by IBM this year
 - Future financing under discussion

SIGIR Proceedings Package

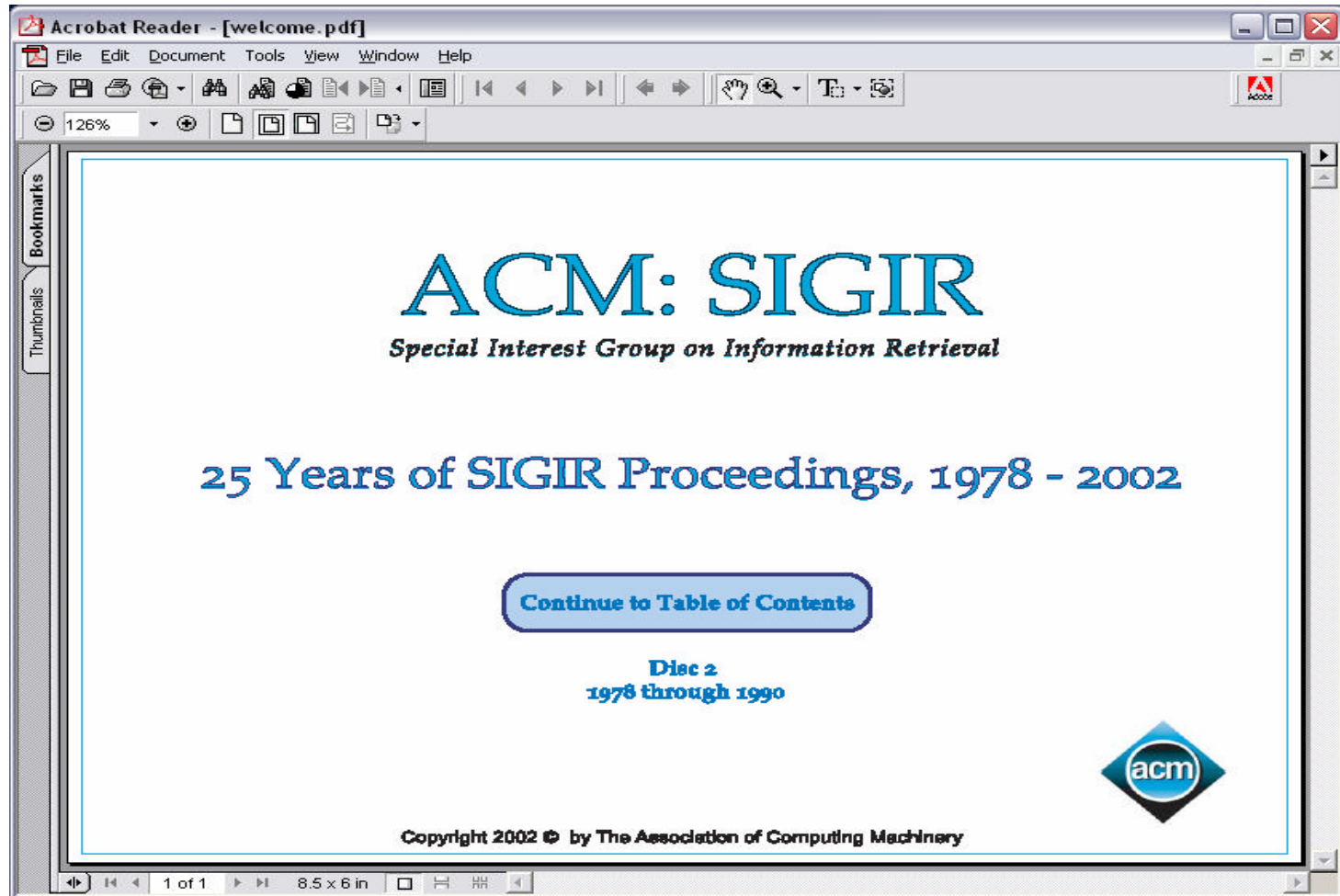
- Includes CIKM and JCDL proceedings
- Cost: \$30 / year
("break even")
 - Or a small loss
- An excellent deal for members



Proceedings/Forum Online

- SIGIR Conf Proceedings and Forum Online
 - All SIGIR Proceedings scanned
 - SIGIR Forum 1975-present scanned; some missing issues 1965-1975
- Included in the ACM:DL, SIGMOD Anthology

SIGIR: the CDs



SIGIR Forum

- Editors: Peter Anick and Ian Ruthvan
- Online - <http://www.acm.org/sigs/sigir/forum/>
- Upcoming content:
 - SIGIR, CIKM, JCDL workshop overviews
 - TREC Track overviews
 - PhD Dissertation abstracts
 - Invited talks
 - Community and SIGIR announcements
- Your suggestions ... Better yet, your content

SIG-IRList

- Editors: Mark Sanderson and Stephen Levin (Univ Sheffield)
- Electronic newsletter of IR information. SIG-IRList contains job announcements, notices of publications, conferences, workshops, calls for participation, and project announcements.
- <http://www.acm.org/sigir/sigirlist/>

ACM: TOIS

- ACM: Transactions on Information Systems (TOIS)
- Loose affiliation w/ SIGIR
- New editor: Gary Marchionini

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Doctoral Forum – Trial Run at SIGIR'04

- Forum for senior PhD students to discuss dissertation ideas with experienced IR researchers and other students
- Will occur on the “Tutorial” day next year
- By invitation, based on application
- See the flyer in your bag for details
- Comments welcome
 - Contact: David Harper

ACM award nominations

- Goal: Identify ACM award candidates from the IR community
 - E.g., Fellow, Turing,
- Reason:
 - Recognize careers of significant research accomplishments
 - Improve visibility of IR researchers
- Nominating Committee Chair: Sue Dumais
- Process, criteria, etc: Under development

Volunteer Needed

- Membership Coordinator
- See any of us after meeting, or email sigir-ec@acm.org

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SIGIR Conferences

- SIGIR-Sponsored:
 - SIGIR'02-SIGIR'06
 - CIKM'02-'04 w/ SIGMIS
 - JCDL'03-'04 w/ SIGWEB and IEEE's TCDL
- In Cooperation:
 - AH 2002 (Intl Conference on Adaptive Hypermedia)
 - CIA 2002 (Collaborative Information Agents)
 - ASIS&T'02 (American Society for Information Science and Technology)
 - HLT 2003 (Human Language Technologies)???

SIGIR Conferences

... past, present, and future

- 2002: Tampere, Finland (K. Jarvelin)
- 2003: Toronto, Canada (C. Clarke)
- 2004: Sheffield, UK (M. Sanderson)
- 2005: Salvador, Brazil (N. Ziviani, R. Baeza-Yates)
- 2006: Seattle, WA USA (E. Efthimiadis)
- 2007: Soliciting proposals



**The 25th ACM SIGIR 2002 Conference
11 to 15 August 2002 - Tampere, Finland**

- General Chair: Kalervo Järvelin
- Program Chairs: Micheline Beaulieu, Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Sung Hyon Myaeng
- Mentoring Chair: Peter Anick
 - 17 papers mentored, 2 accepted
- 337 attendance, >100 workshops, >100 tutorials
- Profitable: \$30K to SIGIR (thanks Kal!)

SIGIR '03 ... You are there

- General Chairs: Charlie Clarke, Gord Cormack
- Program Chairs: Jamie Callan, David Hawking, Alan Smeaton
 - 17% paper acceptance rate
- Mentoring Chair: Edie Rasmussen
- Unexpected events....
 - SARS
 - The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, ...



SIGIR

July 25th – July 29th
Sheffield, United Kingdom

2004

27th Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference

- General Chair: Mark Sanderson
- Program Chairs: James Allan, Peter Bruza, Kalervo Järvelin
- Mentoring Chair: Doug Oard
- Best Papers Chair: John Tait

SIGIR '05 – Salvador, Brazil

- General Chairs: Nivio Ziviani and Ricardo Baeza-Yates
- September, 2005



SIGIR·2005

- <http://www.dcc.ufmg.br/sigir2005>

SIGIR'06 – Seattle, USA

- General Chair:
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SIGIR Selection and Schedule

- Traditional:
 - Alternate between Europe – North America
- New:
 - 5-year cycle: NA–Europe–NA–Europe-Other
 - Begin Other w/ 2005, Salvador Brazil
 - NA 2006, Seattle
 - Europe 2007, ...

SIGIR'07 – Proposals being solicited

- The Netherlands
- France
- ...others?

SIGIR 2008 – Planning stages

- Ordinarily 2008 would be considered a North American year
- ...or, we could go to Asia
 - Your opinion?

CIKM 2002



- Location: McLean, Virginia, USA
- General Chair: Charles Nicholas
- Program Chairs: David Grossman, Konstantinos Kalpakis, Sajda Qureshi, Han van Dissel
- 278 attendance, 112 workshops, 49 tutorials
- Profitable: \$7.5K to SIGIR (thanks Charles!)

CIKM 2003



- Location: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- General Chair: Don Kraft
- Program Chairs: Ophir Frieder, Joachim Hammer, Sajda Qureshi
 - 386 submissions
 - 15% acceptance rate
 - 20% counting papers-demoted-to-posters
- November 3-8, 2003
- <http://bit.csc.lsu.edu/~cikm2003/>

JCDL 2002 – Portland, USA



- General Chair: Bill Hersh
- Program Chairs: Gary Marchionini
- 479 attendance, 137 workshops, 147 tutorials
- Profitable: \$8K to SIGIR (thanks Bill!)



- General Chair: Geneva Henry
- Program Chair: Catherine Marshall

JCDL 2004 – Tucson, Arizona, USA

- General Chairs: Hsinchun Chen, Howard Wactlar, Ching-chih Chen
- Program Chair: Ee-Peng Lim, Mike Christel
- June 7-11, 2004
- <http://www.jcdl2004.org/>



HLT-NAACL 2004 – Boston

- HLT-NAACL and SIGIR are trying to arrange “in cooperation” status
 - HLT-NAACL wants to be a major IR conference
- General Chair: Julia Hirschberg
- Program Chairs: Sue Dumais, Daniel Marcu, Salim Roukos
- May 2-7, 2004
- <http://www.hlt-naacl04.org>



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Audience Participation: What Do You Like (Or Not)?

- Questions ...
- Issues ...
- Suggestions ...
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