ACM SIGIR Business Meeting
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Elected 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
- SIGCHI Liason: Gene Golovchinsky
- Awards Chair: Sue Dumais

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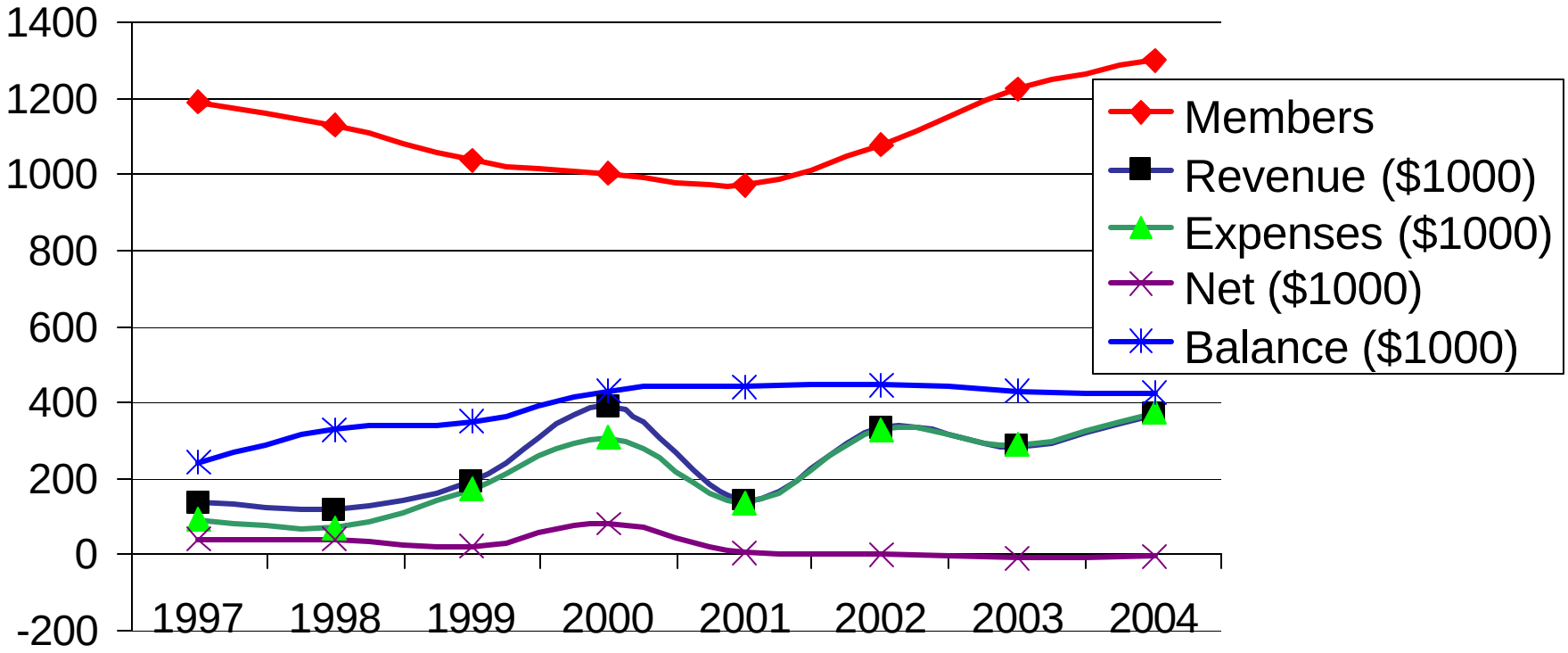
SIGIR by the Numbers



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SIGIR Financial Outlook: Assessment

SIGIR is healthy financially, but...

- Membership dues cover less than half of the cost of services you receive
- We rely on conference profits to fund services (e.g., student travel, awards, ...)
  - There is high variance in conference profits
- 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
  - We were reviewed in September, 2003
- We passed easily...SIGIR is thriving
  - Stable membership
  - Successful conferences
  - Financially sound

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SIGIR Member Service Summary

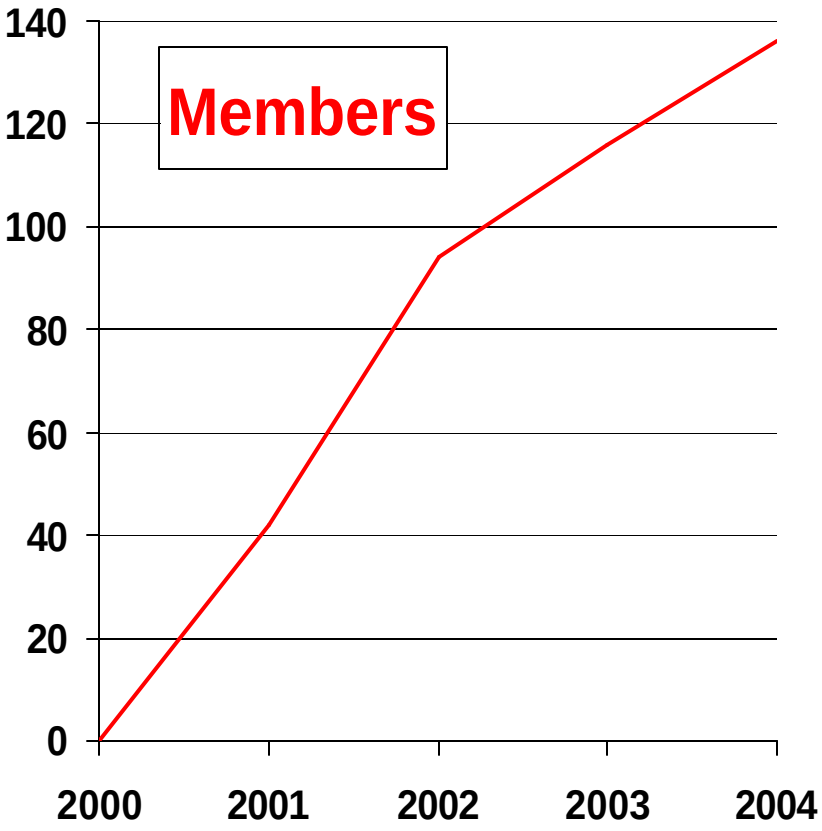
- SIGIR Forum (paper, online)
- Reduced conference registration
  - Sponsored and “in cooperation” conferences
- Access to IR-related content in ACM Digital Library
- Optional Proceedings and DiSC Packages
- SIGIR 25th Anniversary CD
- Student travel awards
- Best Paper and Best Student Paper awards
  - Sponsored by IBM this year...thanks!
- SIG-IRList ... electronic newsletter

SIGIR Forum

- Editors: Peter Anick and Ian Ruthven
- 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

SIGIR Proceedings Package

- Includes CIKM and JCDL proceedings
  - Bound copies, mailed to you
- Cost: $30 / year
  - We're losing money
  - Cost probably going up next year



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DiSC 2004 Digital Symposium Collection

The Digital Symposium Collection (DiSC) Package

- A DVD that includes SIGIR, CIKM, JCDL, SIGMOD, SIGKDD, ... and many more conference proceedings and newsletters
- Cost: $10/year
- Available as of July 1, 2004
  - Maybe not mentioned on renewal materials
  - Ask for it by name!

These and more

- CIKM'03
- DASFAA'03
- DBPL'03
- DE Bulletin
- DEBS
- DMKD'03
- DOLAP'03
- DPDJ
- ER
- GIS'03
- Hypertext'03
- ICDE'03
- ICDM'03
- ICDT'03
- JCDL'03
- KRDB'03
- MIR'03
- MIS'03
- MMDB'03
- RIDE'03
- SBBD'03
- SIGIR'03
- SIGIR FORUM

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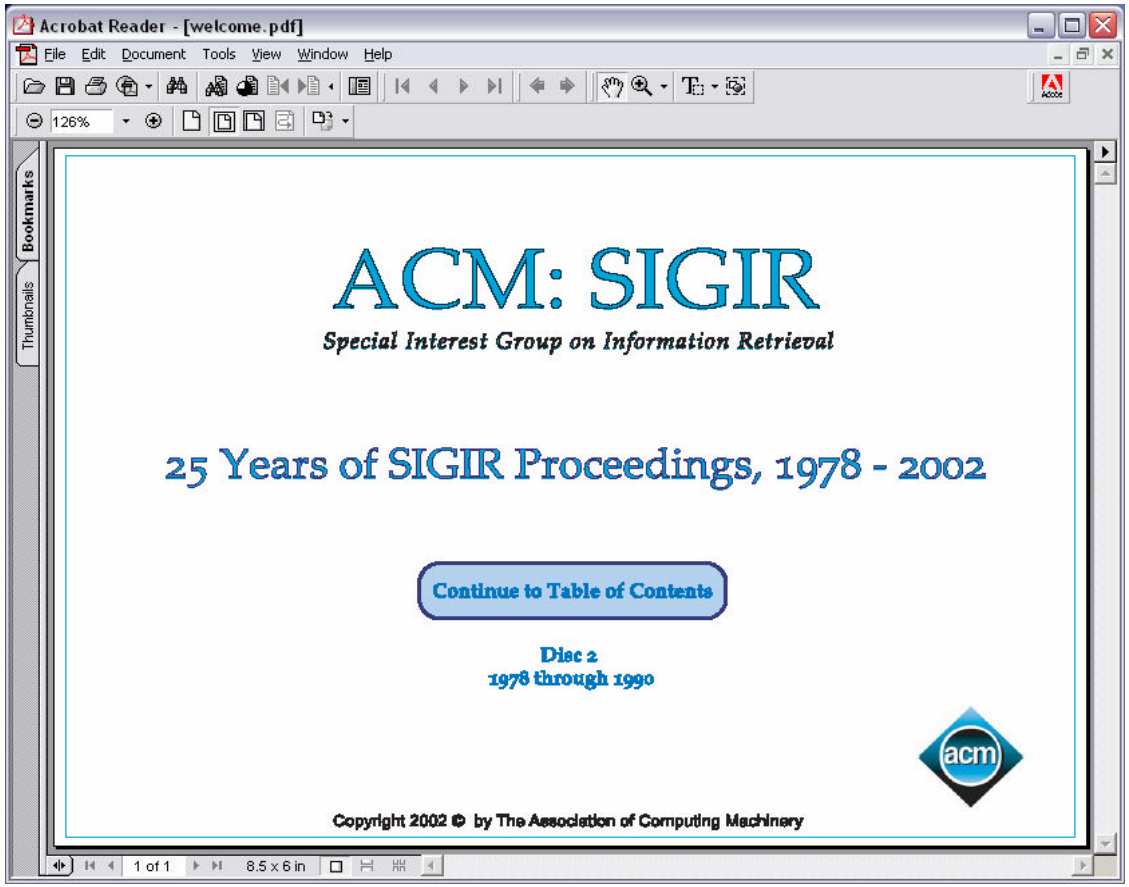
SIGIR: the CDs

- Available at the registration desk for £10



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Student Travel Awards, 2004

- About $53,000 awarded (up from $18,500)
  - 60% EU funding...thanks Mark!
- 58 students (up from 24 last year)
- North America (18)
- Europe (25)
- Australia / Asia (15)

Very significant increase this year

Is it sustainable?

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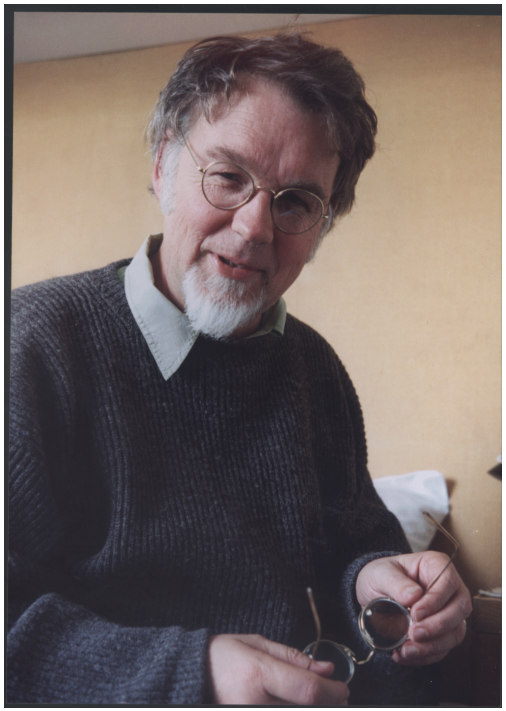
Doctoral Forum – Trial Run at SIGIR'04

- Forum for senior PhD students to discuss dissertation ideas with experienced IR researchers and other students
- Occurred on the "Tutorial" day
- By invitation, based on application
- Comments welcome
  - Contact: David Harper

ACM award nominations

- Goal: Identify ACM award candidates from the IR community
- Chair of Nominating Committee: Sue Dumais
- Keith van Rijsbergen recognized as a Fellow of the ACM this year
  - Congratulations Keith!



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ACM SIGIR Sponsorship of SIGIR Conferences

- Before 2002: Regional orientation
  - 100% sponsor in North America
  - 0% sponsor in Europe
- 2002 – 2004: Transition to global orientation
  - 100% sponsor in North America
  - 50% sponsor in Europe
- 2005 – : Global orientation
  - 100% sponsor everywhere

Preserving Our History

- Important early IR papers/reports are hard to find, but some of our members have copies
- A new SIGIR initiative:
  - Scan, organize, add to ACM Digital Library
  - Maybe distribute on CD/DVD
- We need your help
  - Ideas about what to save, how to organize, ...
  - Volunteer(s) to help with the work
- Contact: David Lewis

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SIGIR Conferences

SIGIR-Sponsored:

- SIGIR 2003-2007
- CIKM 2003-2005
  - w/SIGMIS in 2003
- JCDL 2003-2005
  - w/ SIGWEB and IEEE's TCDL

In Cooperation:

- AIRS 2004
- AH 2004
- CORIA 2004
- CIVR 2004
- NAACL/HLT 2004
- ECIR 2005
- SPIRE 2005

Watch the SIGIR Web site for in cooperation conferences

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SIGIR Conferences
... past, present, and future

- 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: Amsterdam, Netherlands (W. Kraaij, A. de Vries)
- 2008: Soliciting proposals....

SIGIR ’03

- General Chairs: Charlie Clarke, Gord Cormack
- Unexpected events....
  - SARS
  - The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, ...
- Profitable! $36.6K after all costs
  - Thank you Charlie and Gord!

SIGIR 2004

July 25th – July 29th
Sheffield, United Kingdom

27th Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference

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

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SIGIR ’05 – Salvador, Brazil

- Salvador, Brazil

  August 15-19, 2005
- General Chairs: Nivio Ziviani and Ricardo Baeza-Yates
- Program Chairs:
  - Gary Marchionini
  - Allistair Moffat
  - John Tait

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SIGIR'06 – Seattle, USA

- General Chair:
  Efthimis Efthimiadis
- Program Chairs:
  - Susan Dumais
  - David Hawking
  - Kalervo Järvelin

SIGIR'07 – The Netherlands

- General Chairs:

  Arjen de Vries, Wessel Kraaij

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, Amsterdam

SIGIR '08 – Proposals being solicited

- Ordinarily 2008 would be considered a North American year...
- ...but last year there was strong support for having SIGIR 2008 in Asia
- Interest expressed by
  - Singapore (Contact: Mun-Kew Leong)
  - Beijing (Contact: Jian-Yun Nie)

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
- 235 attendance
- Profitable: $1.5K to SIGIR (thanks Don)

CIKM 2004

- Washington, DC, USA
  November 8-13, 2004
- General Chair: David Grossman
- Program Chairs:
  - Luis Gravano (DB) ChengXiang Zhai (IR)
  - Otthein Herzog (KM) David Evans (Industrial)
- 303 papers submitted
  - 15-19% acceptance rate

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CIKM 2005

- Bremen, Germany
  - First CIKM outside the USA
- Watch the Web for details....

- Tucson, Arizona, USA
  June 7-11, 2004
- General Chairs: Hsinchun Chen, Howard Wactlar, Ching-chih Chen
- Program Chairs: Ee-Peng Lim, Mike Christel

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- Denver, Colorado, USA

  June 7-11, 2005
- General Chair: Mary Marlino
- Program Chairs: Tamara Sumner, Frank Shipman
- Paper submission deadline
  - January 27, 2005

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

- Questions ...
- Issues ...
- Suggestions ...
- ... or see any of us after meeting, or email sigir-ec@acm.org

And One Last Question From the EC...

- ACM SIG Executive Committees are elected for two-year terms
  - Our terms expire in June, 2005
- EC terms can be extended, from 2 to 4 years
  - Avoids the hassle & expense of frequent elections
    - An election costs SIGIR about $2,000
  - The last several SIGIR ECs had extended terms
- We're willing to continue serving you, or to have new elections, which ever you prefer