

ACM SIGIR Business Meeting

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SIGIR

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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>

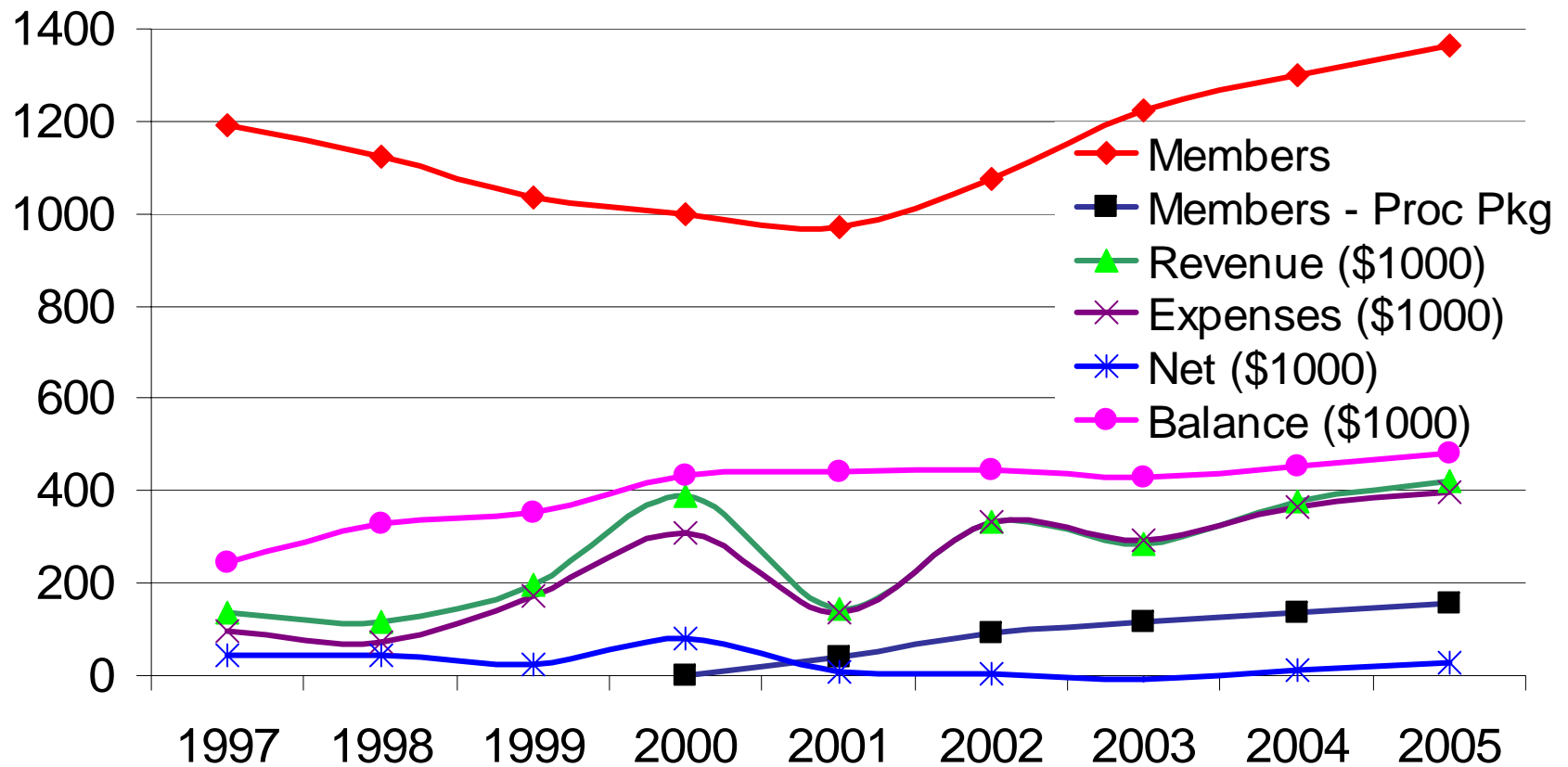
SIGIR Advisors and Volunteers

- Regional Representative to the EC:
 - Noriko Kando (Asia)
- Information Officer: Mounia Lalmas
 - Replacing Eric Brown...thank you Eric!
- Forum Editors:
 - Fall: Peter Anick
 - Spring: Ian Ruthven
- JCDL Liason: Christine Borgman
- SIGCHI Liason: Gene Golovchinsky
- Awards Chair: Vacant

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SIGIR by the Numbers



SIGIR Financial Outlook: Assessment

SIGIR is healthy financially, but...

- Membership dues covered less than half of the cost of services members received
- We relied on conference profits to fund services
 - Conference profits are highly variable
- Costs of some services increasing rapidly
 - Printed proceedings mailed to members
 - Student travel

Dues Increases

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Basic membership	\$20	\$30
Student membership	\$10	\$15
Air service option	\$3	\$14
Proceedings package option	\$30	\$45*
Digital Symposium Collection (DiSC) option	N/A	\$10

*** SIGIR is still losing money on this**

Dues Increases: The Proceedings Package

- The Proceedings Package is very costly
 - JCDL proceedings are expensive
 - CIKM proceedings are very expensive
 - Breakeven cost is \$60-65/year (today)
- We don't want to kill this program
 - But we can't let it continue to lose so much money
- Strategy:
 - Increase cost to breakeven in 2-year stages
 - Encourage migration to the DiSC DVD package
 - If membership falls below N, drop the program

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SIGIR Member Service Summary

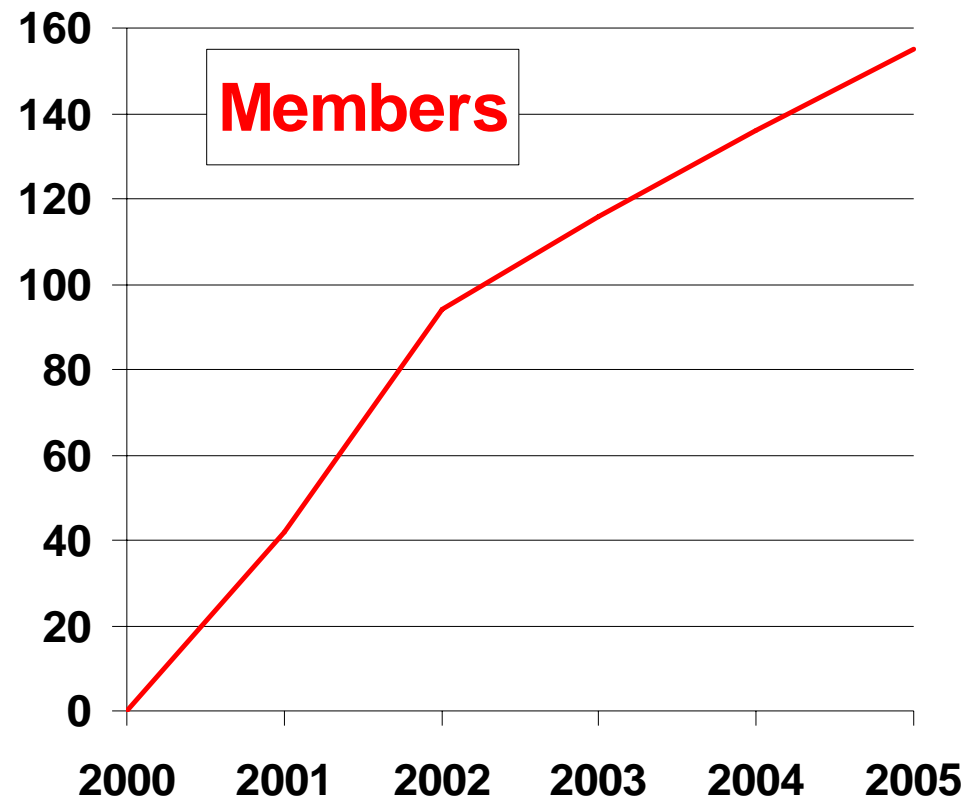
- SIGIR Forum (paper, online)
- Reduced conference registration fees
 - Sponsored and “in cooperation” conferences
- Access to IR-related content in ACM Digital Library
- Optional Proceedings and DiSC Packages
- SIGIR 25th Anniversary CD
- Student travel awards
- Best Paper and Best Student Paper awards
 - 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

- CIKM and JCDL proceedings
 - Paper copies, mailed to you
- Cost: \$45 / year





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
- Started July 2004
 - Maybe not mentioned on renewal materials
 - Ask for it by name!

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

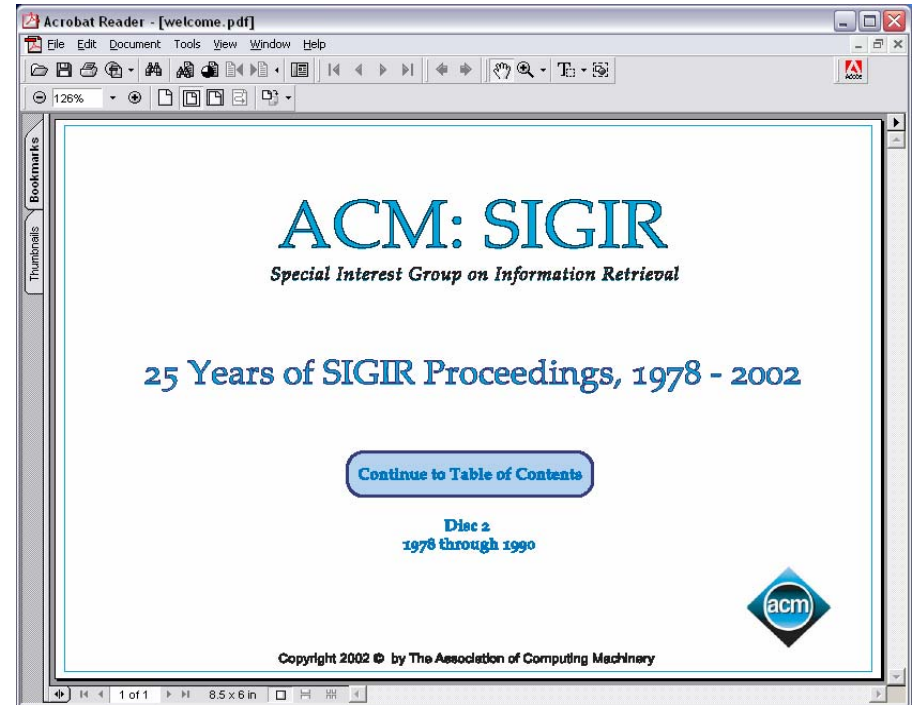
**These
and more**



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SIGIR: the CDs

- A great resource!
- But, we have more than we need
 - Donate to universities in developing countries? How?
 - A new benefit for new student members?
 - **Your suggestions?**



Student Travel Awards, 2005

- About \$36,350 awarded (down from \$53,000)
 - \$4,700 from BCS-IRSG...thanks very much!
- 35 students (down from 58 last year)
- North America (23)
- Australia / Asia (15)
- Europe (11)

Probably declining to \$25-30K, steady state

Doctoral Forum – Second Run at SIGIR'05

- 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
- Likely to be run again next year

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Paper vs. Plastic

- Paper proceedings keep getting larger
 - Very expensive to print and mail
 - SIGIR Forum Special Issue
- In 1-3 years dues won't cover costs
 - Even with the fee increase we just had
- Some people really want paper
- Some people would accept CDs / DVDs
- We need to do something
 - What should we do?

Paper vs. Plastic

■ Options

- Raise dues every few years 
- Continue losing money on membership 
- Stop mailing proceedings to members 
- Switch Forum Special Issue to CD/DVD
- Make paper an optional package
 - An expensive option...e.g., MVP program
- **Your suggestions here...**

Acceptance Rates

- Submissions were up 38% this year
 - More papers accepted
 - Longer proceedings, more parallel tracks
 - Acceptance rate maintained around 20%
- Submission rates are up across all of Computer Science
 - More Computer Scientists
 - More publications by graduate students
 - More international participation

Acceptance Rates

- What's our long-term strategy?
 - Accept approximately N papers?
 - Keep the quality cutoff constant?
 - More parallel sessions?
 - Some accepted papers have poster presentations?
 - **Your suggestions here....**



Term Lengths for SIGIR Officers

- SIGIR officers are elected for 2 years
- ACM SIG officers can choose to extend their terms for 2 additional years
 - Most SIGIR ECs did, including this one
- Would 3 year terms make more sense?
 - Many SIGs are making this change
- It would require a change to the bylaws
 - Should we do it?

Should the Mentoring Program Continue?

- Significant level of effort by mentors
- But few mentored papers have been accepted to the conference
- There is general agreement that outreach is important
- Is this form of outreach effective?
 - Or should we be trying something else?

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
- David Lewis will conduct a survey
- Contact: Donna Harman

A Word from the IR Journal....

- Editors:
 - Josiane Mothe, Europe
 - Justin Zobel, Asia/Australia
 - Paul Kantor, Americas
- A Springer publication
- The publication queue is currently short
 - Papers submitted now can be in print within a year or so

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SIGIR Conferences

SIGIR-Sponsored:

- SIGIR 2003-2008
- CIKM 2004-2005
 - w/GI in 2005
- JCDL 2004-2006
 - w/ SIGWEB and IEEE's TCDL

In Cooperation:

- AIRS 2005
- CORIA 2005
- CIVR 2005
- ECIR 2005

Watch the SIGIR Web site for
in cooperation conferences

SIGIR Conferences

... past, present, and future

- 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: Singapore (M. Leong, T. Chua)
- 2009: Soliciting proposals....



SIGIR

July 25th – July 29th
Sheffield, United Kingdom

2004

27th Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference

- General Chair: Mark Sanderson
- First SIGIR Doctoral Consortium
- 347 attendance
- Profitable! \$36.6K to SIGIR
 - Thank you Mark!
 - Profits used to increase student travel support this year

SIGIR

SIGIR '05 – Salvador, Brazil

- General Chairs: Nivio Ziviani and Ricardo Baeza-Yates
- Program Chairs:
 - Gary Marchionini
 - Allistair Moffat
 - John Tait



SIGIR·2005

SIGIR'06 – Seattle, USA

- August 6-11
- General Chair: Efthimis Efthimiadis
- Program Chairs:
 - Susan Dumais
 - David Hawking
 - Kalervo Järvelin
- Important dates:
 - Papers: January 30
 - Posters: February 27



SIGIR'07 – The Netherlands

- General Chairs:
Arjen de Vries, Wessel Kraaij
- Program Chairs:
 - Charlie Clarke
 - Norbert Fuhr
 - Noriko Kando

SIGIR'08 – Singapore

- General Chairs:

Mun-kew Leong , Tat-Seng Chua

SIGIR '09 – Proposals being solicited

- 2009 is a North American year
- Interest expressed by
 - Chicago (Contact: David Grossman)
 - Washington, DC (Contact: Doug Oard)
 - Boston (Contact: James Allan)

CIKM 2004

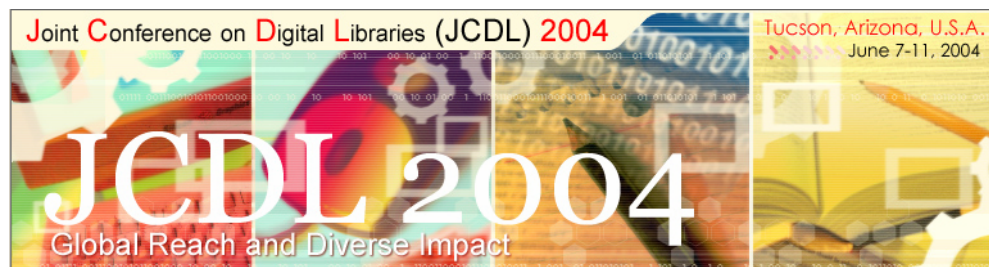


- Washington, DC, USA
General Chair: David Grossman
- Program Chairs:
 - Luis Gravano (DB) ChengXiang Zhai (IR)
 - Otthein Herzog (KM) David Evans (Industrial)
- 303 papers submitted
 - 15-19% acceptance rate
- 284 attendance
- Profitable: \$5.5K to SIGIR (thanks David)

CIKM 2005

- Bremen, Germany
October 31 – Nov 5
 - First CIKM outside the USA
 - Co-sponsored with GI
- General Chair: Otthein Herzog
- Program Chairs:
 - Hans-Jörg Schek (DB)
 - Norbert Fuhr (IR)
 - Abdur Chowdhury (KM)
 - Wilfried Teiken (Industrial)





- Tucson, Arizona, USA
June 7-11, 2004
- General Chairs: Hsinchun Chen, Howard Wactlar, Ching-chih Chen
- Program Chairs: Ee-Peng Lim, Mike Christel
- 301 attendance
- Profitable: \$3.8K to SIGIR



- Denver, Colorado, USA
June 7-11, 2005
- General Chair: Mary Marlino
- Program Chairs: Tamara Sumner, Frank Shipman

JCDL 2006: Opening Information Horizons



- Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
June 11-15, 2005
- General Chair: Gary Marchionini
- Program Chairs: Michael Nelson, Cathy Marshall
- Important dates:
 - Papers: January 20
 - Posters: February 3
- **Call for papers on the table outside**

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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