

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2009 for Working Group 3.3

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of IFIP Working Group 3.3 for Research took place by e-mail from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at WCCE'09 in Bento Gonçalves in Brazil.

## **In attendance by e-mail:**

E-mail: Niki Davis (New Zealand), Andrew Fluck (Australia), Valentina Dagiene (Lithuania), Ulrich Kortenkamp (Germany), Peter Twinning (England), Mary Webb (England), Nick Reynolds (Australia), Anthony Jones (Australia), Rosa Maria Bottino (Italy), Jianwei Zhang (China), Anne Mcdougall (Australia), Franziska spring (Switzerland), Clark Quinn (USA), Margaret Cox (England), Vince Ham (New Zealand), Steve Kennewell (England), Geoff Romeo (Australia), Sergei Christochevsky (Russia), Helen Drenoyianni (Greece), Paolo Rocchi (Italy), Lampros Stergioulas (England), Peer Stechert (Germany), Christine Bescherer (Germany), Joke Voogt (Holland), Johannes Magenheimer (Germany), Andrea Kárpáti (Hungary), Baltasar Fernandez Manjon (Spain), Bob Munro (Scotland), Peer Stechert (Germany).

## **Apologies:**

ROBERT M. AIKEN (USA), Deirdre Cook (England)

## **In attendance face-to-face at Bento Gonçalves:**

Christine Bescherer (D); Tobias Nelkner (D); Gerald Knezek (USA), Joke Vogt (Holland), Margaret Cox (GB), Barry Quinn (GB), Andrew Fluck (AU), Jonathan San Diego (GB), Bruce Elsen (GB).

## **1. Opening**

Andrew Fluck opened the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June:

We are about to hold our AGM (with agreement of Bernard Cornu & Rosa Bottino) as described below.

1. Please post a reply to signify your attendance.
2. Please keep posts as short as possible.
3. We begin within a few hours (with an introduction from Rosa)

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- 29Jun Call for nominations and self-nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary. Also call for items to be considered under any other business (responses by 2Jul).
- 3Jul If voting is required, these to be cast by 6Jul - (Rosy's comment: votes are required)
- 7Jul The elected chair can open all items of other business for discussion, closing on 10Jul.
- 11Jul Any motions can be voted upon, closing on 13Jul. Minutes published on 14Jul.

## **2. Welcome from interim chair Rosa Bottino**

I really hope that all of you can actively participate in the discussion and in the virtual AGM.

As you may remember, I accepted to act as chair until WCCE09 after the sudden withdraw of both past chair and vice-chair.

Unfortunately, this year I cannot be present in Bento Goncalves at WCCE2009 since, due to my new job position (that I have not foreseen in September when I accepted to act as chair), I am completely overwhelmed with things to do. I am very sad for this: I have participated to all WCCE conferences since 1990!

In any case it is my intention to continue to work and collaborate in WG.3.3 activities and to be as much active as I can.

I thank a lot all active people in the group for the effort and enthusiasm they put in it.

Best – Rosy

### **Face-to-Face**

A VOTE OF THANKS was recorded for all the hard work put in by Rosa Bottino. Without her help to fill in for departed Officers, our Working Group would have been in big trouble. We thank her for her support and advice which were sincerely appreciated as Interim Chair.

### **3. Call for Nominations**

30<sup>th</sup> June: Welcome to all - the draft minutes already show 16 members in attendance, more joining all the time. A duplicate message is going out to ensure we engage members not receiving yahoogroups list messages.

1. By midnight 2nd July, please send directly to me any nominations or self-nominations for the three positions below:

- a) Chair
- b) Vice-chair
- c) Secretary

2. By midnight 2nd July, please send notice of any items to be considered under Any Other Business to the list.

### **4. Nominations received**

#### **CHAIR OF WG 3.3**

NIKI DAVIS: I am pleased to nominate Mary Webb for Chair of WG3.3

Mary and several colleagues including Ann McDougall and Margaret Cox recently attended the EduSumMIT 2009 in Holland and there we were able to share our concerns and interests in ensuring that WG 3.3 capitalizes on its recently healthy level of activities, including the book that Anne has edited.

Mary has worked alongside Margaret in King's College in the University of London for quite a few years and she has developed into a strong researcher with good leadership potential at this international level. She has already committed to attending WCCE09.

As a past chair I am confident in Mary.

MARGARET COX: Chair: Dr. Mary Webb of the Department for Education and Professional Studies at Kings College London. She has been a member of WG3.3 since the last World conference WCCE2005 in Stellenbosch. Mary has been actively involved in 3.3 before and since that time, attending and contributing to many of the conferences. She is organising the WG3.3 symposium shortly to be presented at WCCE2009 in Brazil and is a hardworking reliable member of the group, with significant expertise in the field of ICT in Education at both national and international levels.

ACCEPTANCE MARY WEBB - Yes - happy to accept nomination.

#### **Vice Chair of WG 3.3**

MARGARET COX: Vice-Chair: Dr. Nicholas Reynolds, University of Melbourne, Australia. Nick has been an active member of WG3.3 for several years, he has attended several IFIP conferences and contributed to paper presentations with other WG3.3 members. He has many years experience in ICT in Education, including ICT in music education, primary education and higher education. He has published many journal articles and conference papers and would make a very good vice-chair for the working group

ACCEPTANCE NICK REYNOLDS: I thank Margaret for nominating me as vice-chair. I need to point out that the 'Dr' still coming; PhD submission is very close - there was a little hold up with a book and a few other things.

I am very busy at present chairing the Australian Computers in Education 2010 conference <http://acec2010.info/> and have recently agreed to be vice chair for TC3's conference at WCC2010. These two events together with my normal workload and my role as president of Victoria's ICT in Education teacher professional body <http://www.ictev.vic.edu.au/> mean that I am not entirely sure how much time I can give the position. Given those considerations I am happy to accept the nomination if it is seen as appropriate.

### **Secretary of WG 3.3**

Steve Kennewell: [close to end of polling] I think it would be better for Andrew to be duly proposed and seconded, so please record yourself as being nominated by me.

Margaret Cox: I second the proposal for Andrew to be secretary.

Andrew: I accept the nomination.

## **5. Voting for elected positions**

The election of officers was conducted using the POLL facility in YahooGroups, and by e-mail.

Members were asked to vote YES or NO to the following questions:

CHAIR: Do you approve of Mary Webb as Chair of Working Group 3.3?

Mary has been nominated by NIKI DAVIS & MARGARET COX. She works at the Department for Education and Professional Studies at Kings College London. She has accepted the nomination.

VICE-CHAIR: Do you approve of Nicholas Reynolds as Vice-Chair of Working Group 3.3? Nick has been nominated by MARGARET COX. He works at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He is happy to accept the nomination, taking into account his workload.

SECRETARY: Do you approve of Andrew Fluck as Secretary of Working Group 3.3? This is a self-nomination. He works at the University of Tasmania, Australia.

Each question was followed by one of the following statements:

[If you choose not to vote using YahooGroups please reply to Andrew.Fluck@utas.edu.au]

Or

[This message duplicated to you as I am not sure if you are getting mail from our discussion in YahooGroups. Please reply to Andrew.Fluck@utas.edu.au]

## VOTING Summary

		YahooGroup Poll	E-Mail votes
<b><u>Chair of WG 3.3</u></b> Mary Webb	Yes	niki.davis@canterbury.ac.nz clark@quinnovation.com bescherer@ph-ludwigsburg.de franspring@gmail.com andrew.fluck@utas.edu.au balta@fdi.ucm.es schristochevsky@ipiran.ru zhangjw07@gmail.com muellerw@ph-weingarten.de steve.kennewell@smu.ac.uk karpatian@t-online.hu	Ulrich Kortenkamp Anne Mcdougall Rosa Bottino Lampros Stergioulas Nick Reynolds Kleopatra Nikolopoulou Bob Munro Geoff Romeo Helen Drenoyianni Peer Stechert Paolo Rocchi Anthony Jones Valentina Dagiene Margaret Cox
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	No	niki.davis@canterbury.ac.nz	none
<b><u>Secretary of WG 3.3</u></b> Andrew Fluck	Yes	klnikolop9@yahoo.gr clark@quinnovation.com schristochevsky@ipiran.ru balta@fdi.ucm.es twiningpeter@yahoo.com zhangjw07@gmail.com bescherer@ph-ludwigsburg.de steve.kennewell@smu.ac.uk franspring@gmail.com karpatian@t-online.hu muellerw@ph-weingarten.de	Ulrich Kortenkamp Anne Mcdougall Rosa Bottino Lampros Stergioulas Nick Reynolds Kleopatra Nikolopoulou Peter NLEYA Vince Ham Bob Munro Geoff Romeo Niki Davis Helen Drenoyianni Peer Stechert Paolo Rocchi Anthony Jones Valentina Dagiene Margaret Cox
	No	none	none

## 6. Declaration of elected positions

The votes were checked by Rosa Bottino and she made the declaration of officers:

Sat 11/07/2009: Dear All, the poll of our virtual meeting is now closed and the results are the following:

Chair Mary Webb

Vice/chair Nicholas Reynolds

Secretary Andrew Fluck.

Congratulations to the new officers and good work!

According to IFIP rules these people are elected for a period of three years (to July 2012) and may only be elected for one subsequent term of office. [Positions were ratified by the TC3 meeting in Bento Gonçalves, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009]

## 7. Matters raised for Any Other Business

### a) Proposals for new members

### b) Proposals for publications

### c) Proposals for future events

#### 7a. Proposals for new members

MARGARET COX: I would also like to confirm the nomination of the following people to join the group who have already been approved over email

Professor Joke Voogt, University of Twente, the Netherlands. I sent round details about Joke's achievements in ICT in Education over 6 months ago. She has just co-edited the International Handbook on IT in Primary and Secondary Education and organised the Summit which was held a couple of weeks ago in The Hague. Several WG3.3 members were authors/editors of the handbook. She has also attended several IFIP conferences and is presenting a Symposium of the handbook at WCCE2009 and is also the discussant at our Symposium.

Although it was agreed over email for her to be officially accepted onto the group, it needs to be ratified in this AGM

Dr. Ian Stevenson: Kings College London. He is an expert in ICT in Education, has run various projects in the development of measurement tools and theories, has contributed to many publications and would be an asset to WG3.3. In recent years we have lost three valuable members of IFIP (all based at Kings), who have retired: Barry Blakeley, Prof David Johnson and Prof Deryn Watson, so it would enhance the group to have Ian join us. His details were also circulate before and approved over email to recommend to join the group.

I hope everyone can support the above nominations

Jianwei Zhang: I support both nominations.

Niki Davis: [I support/second both of Margaret's nominations:](#)

[I know them both and respect their work with research into IT and education.](#)

Peter Twining: [I'm happy to support these two nominations](#)

**Geoff Romeo:** Yes, I support these two nominations

Nick Reynolds: I support the nominations as well

Ulrich Kortenkamp: I also support the nominations of Professor Joke Voogt and Dr. Ian Stevenson

Paul T. Nleya: I would also like to support the two nominations

Anne McDougall: I too support the nomination of Prof Joke Voogt and Dr Ian Stevenson for membership of WG3.3.

Mary Webb: I'm happy to support these two nominations as well.

Baltasar Fernandez-Manjon: I also support the nominations of Prof Joke Voogt and Dr Ian Stevenson for membership of WG3.3

Lampros Stergioulas: I'm also happy to support the following two nominations for WG3.3 membership.

Franziska Spring: I also support both nominations (Stevenson and Voogt).

## Face-to-Face

### 7a). Proposals for new members

\***Professor Joke Voogt**, University of Twente, the Netherlands.

\***Dr. Ian Stevenson**: Kings College London.

Confirmation of status:

**Christine Bescherer**, University of Education Ludwigsburg, Germany

**Anna Kristjansdottir**, Iceland University of Education and University of Agder, Norway

\*These nominations have been seconded and supported by 12 members in the online discussion.

Category		
Corresponding member	Open to anyone: can attend meetings and observe; can join e-mail list.	No voting rights
Intending member	Proposed and seconded by a Member who knows them. Voted into the group at a WG3.3 meeting.	No voting rights
Member	Intending Member who has participated in at least two IFIP events and been approved by their country representative and TC3.	Full voting rights

## Decisions:

### a) Existing Members

We seek confirmation of these members by TC3 who were elected into WG3.3 some time ago:

**Christine Bescherer**, University of Education Ludwigsburg, Germany. [Ratified by the TC3 meeting in Bento Gonçalves, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009]

### b) Full Members

The following were proposed and elected as full members of WG3.3 and we seek their confirmation by National Representatives and TC3:

**Professor Joke Voogt**, University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands.

Joke Voogt presented at AERA'07 and WCCE'09

**Anna Kristjansdottir**, Iceland University of Education and University of Agder, Norway

[Ratified by the TC3 meeting in Bento Gonçalves, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009]

### c) Intending Members

The following were proposed and accepted as intending members of WG3.3:

**Dr. Ian Stevenson**: Kings College London.

**Jonathon San Diego:** King's College, London

[Noted by the TC3 meeting in Bento Gonçalves, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009]

d) Corresponding Members

The following were accepted as corresponding members of WG3.3:

**Ann D. Thompson**, CTLT Idaho State University, USA ([eat@iastate.edu](mailto:eat@iastate.edu))

**Bruce Elsen**, Birmingham City University, UK.

**Tobias Nelkner**, University of Paderborn, Germany ([tobin@uni-paderborn.de](mailto:tobin@uni-paderborn.de))

**Barry Quinn**, King's College, London, UK

[Noted by the TC3 meeting in Bento Gonçalves, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009]

## 7b. Proposals for publications

**MARGARET COX:** I would like to suggest that the next main activity of the group could be a series of journal articles which (on reflection) would emerge from our forthcoming book and from WCCE2009. We could put together a series and then identify possible authors (2-3 different ones from each of the papers) building on the chapters of the book and the above. We could discuss the first ideas about this at WCCE2009 and over email.

**SECONDED Lampros Stergioulas:** I support Maggy's proposal for journal publications emerging from WCCE 2009 - particularly in ISI or JCR journals.

**ALSO SECONDED Peer Stechert:** I support Margaret's suggestion to prepare some Journal Special issues on selected topics.

**ALSO SECONDED Geoff Romeo:** Yes I support this

**ROSA BOTTINO:** I suggest to add an item to the AGM Agenda: Future activities of W3.3

I support Margaret's suggestion to prepare some Journal Special issues on selected topics. I think that we should carefully select the Journals to which to contribute since, for example, from an academic perspective, it is very important to have publications in ISI and JCR Journals.

A publication can surely emerge from WCCE symposium.

Moreover, we should consider the way in which WG3.3 can contribute to WCC2010, which is now under advanced preparation. Maybe we can work towards a topic that can lead then to another Special Issue.

**Mary Webb:** Future activities of W3.3 should certainly be a key item for AGM agenda

I agree with Margaret's suggestion of journal articles as a follow on from the book. The symposium at WCCE is a first step in that process and the intention is that the outcome will be a position paper. I think we should also look at the call for action that is emerging from the recent Edusummit in the Hague that some of us attended. This call will be available soon on the Website

(<http://edusummit.nl/> )

It draws together outcomes from research into IT and education. Furthermore goals and strategies for action are proposed. I suggest examining these and especially the research implications in the light of the 3.3 book and symposium. Perhaps a start can be made in Brazil where I know leaders of the Edusummit (including Joke Voogt) are planning to finalise the call for action.

**VINCE HAM:** There may be a number of people in the group who can't attend WCCE, but who would still be interested in contributing to publications (myself for one :-!)

NIKI DAVIS: I agree that working collectively on a special issue of a journal would be a good strategy. It would be useful to suggest appropriate journals to make a proposal to, as well as noting WG members willing to take on a coordinating and editorial role.

For example, I am on the Board of the journal of Technology Pedagogy and Education and also have a close link with the journals that link technology and teacher education.

Recently I have joined the Board of a new journal for K-12 online teaching and learning, but it is almost certainly too narrow an interest for this group.

I would be particularly interested in hearing what journal the WCCE09 symposium paper authors feel may be suitable.

I am sure that this will be a good point for further discussion of the second half of this meeting at WCCE09 and I hope that members will then bring back those discussions into the email for those of us unable to attend.

Kleopatra Nikolopoulou: I support the idea of publishing in the proposed Journal issue. Although I will not be able to attend the WCCE09 Conference in Brazil, I am interested in preparing (maybe together with other WG3.3 members?) a contribution for the Journal.

JOKE VOOGT: also like to work on journal articles, and the idea of a special issue makes sense. It is a good idea that Mary Webb proposes to relate the Call for Action from the EDUsummIT to ideas for journal articles. Pretty soon the rough drafts from the groups on research, policy, and leadership will be available through the EDU summIT website ([www.edusummit.nl](http://www.edusummit.nl)). My colleague Gerald Knezek and I will work on the final formulation of the Call for Action during the WCCE.

Johannes Magenheim: I appreciate the suggestion of Mary and Rosa concerning publication policy  
Anne McDougall: I also support the publication initiatives as a worthwhile further activity for the Group.

Franziska Spring: I am also interested in contributing to a journal article.

## Face-to-Face

### 7b). Proposals for publications

We are looking at publishing articles in ISI or JCR journals using the following initiatives. The meeting might consider who to lead our activity for each, and who might be working with them:

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES (timeline – papers finished by March 2010, publication late that year or early 2011)

1. Our WG3.3 Symposium *Current and Future Issues in Research into ICT in Education* at WCCE'09 will lead to a special issue (of the Journal of Computer Assisted Learning?).  
Coordinator – Mary Webb. Expressions of Interest in participation and abstracts to Mary by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
2. Call for Action from the EDUsummIT ([www.edusummit.nl](http://www.edusummit.nl))
3. Technology Pedagogy and Education Special Issue. Coordinator Niki Davis.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES (Papers by late 2010, publication late 2011)

Theme: *Research into the future of Mathematics Education with ICT*

Coordinator: Christine Bescherer (D). Expressions of Interest in participation and abstracts to Christine by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Journal: To Be Advised (consider Current Issues in Information Technology and Teacher Education – CITE)

Theme: *Interdisciplinary research into ICT in Higher Education*

Coordinator: TBA

## 7c. Proposals for future events

Should we also be thinking about running a Working Conference, probably in connection with another WG, in 2010 or 2011? Previous activities with WG3.1 and 3.5, for example, have been very worthwhile I think.

Ulrich Kortenkamp: Indeed! I'd appreciate to have a joint Working Conference with them.

Andrea Kárpáti: I fully agree with the resolutions and welcome the new members. Although I will not be able to participate in the next WCCE, but I would like to contribute to the proposed journal issue with a proposal.

As for Anne's idea about organising a Working Conference, may I suggest the **Research Workshop by EDEN** (European Distance Education Network, [www.eden-online.org](http://www.eden-online.org)) to be held in **Budapest in October 2010**? Our WG might consider a joint event. I would be pleased to propose such a collaboration to the EDEN Executive of which I am member.

Margaret Cox: this sounds like a good idea. I have always wanted to go to an EDEN conference but not managed it yet.

Mary Webb: This is an interesting idea and opportunity Andrea. Is it early or late October? Early October is a busy teaching time in the UK with courses starting.

Nick Reynolds: Don't forget that WCC2010 will be in Brisbane, Australia in September of that year. I know Australia is a long way away but the TC3 conference, Key Competencies in the Knowledge Society, will need all of our support. I understand that 3.5 is arranging a meeting in late June-early July in Paris.

Ulrich Kortenkamp: This is a great suggestion, in particular it would give those who could not attend the last Budapest meeting to visit that beautiful city again :-). And, more important, it could help to create good contacts to researchers and practitioners for us.

Mary Webb: I also agree we should be thinking about running a Working Conference, probably in connection with another WG, in 2010 or 2011?

I like the idea of a wg 3.3 workshop (as in Budapest) but I would love to see another joint conference as in Norway again. I really enjoyed that conference! It was small and great for networking.

How about a workshop meeting in Chicago? :-). Next year is the ICLS conference at the UIC (University of Illinois at Chicago). Maybe you would be interested in that...

## Face-to-Face

### 7c). Proposals for future events

The following events were suggested as suitable to add a WG 3.3 working conference:

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES (2010) – subject to e-mail voting by 10<sup>th</sup> August

2010	Will attend	VOTES
WGs 3.1/ 3.5 are arranging a meeting in late June-early July in Amiens 2010. Probable dates are 28 <sup>th</sup> June -1 <sup>st</sup> July, in co-operation with the JOCAIR conference. We would hold an invitation only working conference in parallel with participants attending the keynotes in English (expected to cover Games and informal learning). Coordinator: Mary Webb	Tony Jones [a.jones@unimelb.edu.au] Anne Beatrice Nel Mcdougall [a.mcdougall@unimelb.edu.au] Kleopatra Nikolopoulou [klnikolopoulou@internet.gr] bescherer@ph-ludwigsburg.de franspring@gmail.com mary.webb@kcl.ac.uk karpatian@t-online.hu	7

WCC2010 will be in Brisbane, Australia, 20-23 September. With preliminary day for WG3.3 in either Brisbane or Christchurch. Coordinator: Nick Reynolds, Andrew Fluck and/or Niki Davis	Tony Jones [a.jones@unimelb.edu.au] Anne Beatrice Nel Mcdougall [a.mcdougall@unimelb.edu.au] andrew.fluck@utas.edu.au bescherer@ph-ludwigsburg.de	4
Research Workshop by EDEN (European Distance Education Network, www.eden-online.org) to be held in Budapest in October 2010.	franspring@gmail.com karpatian@t-online.hu	2
9th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS) conference at the UIC (University of Illinois at Chicago) 29 June - 2 July 2010 9th International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS) conference at the UIC (University of Illinois at Chicago) 29 June - 2 July 2010.	franspring@gmail.com	1
SITE (Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education) - San Diego, California in USA - 29 March – 2 April, 2010.	Joke Voogt [J.M.Voogt@gw.utwente.nl]	1

#### DECISIONS –

- Working Group 3.3 will hold a workshop in collaboration with WG3.1 and 3.5 (and possibly others) 28th June 1st July 2010 in Amiens, France.**
- Members of WG 3.3 who are able to attend WCC2010 in Brisbane are encouraged to arrange a WG 3.3 event ‘e.g. a symposium at that conference**

#### LONG TERM OBJECTIVES (2011)

We will hold a working conference in conjunction with one of the following (to be decided by online discussion by 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009)

2011	Will attend	VOTES
Association for information technology in teacher education (ITTE) at Churchill College, Cambridge, UK in July 2011	Anne Beatrice Nel Mcdougall [a.mcdougall@unimelb.edu.au] Kleopatra Nikolopoulou [klnikolopoulou@internet.gr] muellerw@ph-weingarten.de mary.webb@kcl.ac.uk	4
SITE (Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education) Nashville, TN, USA March 7 - 11, 2011	Joke Voogt [J.M.Voogt@gw.utwente.nl] andrew.fluck@utas.edu.au mary.webb@kcl.ac.uk franspring@gmail.com niki.davis@canterbury.ac.nz muellerw@ph-weingarten.de	6

**DECISION – Working Group 3.3 will hold its 2011 event 6-11 March 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee, USA.**

#### IN ADDITION

Anna Kristjansdottir circulated out of session a proposal about holding an AGORA Studio workshop.

## 8. Report of WG3.3 Activities

At the AGM at Stellenbosch, the group agreed a strategy that we need to look outward and link up with other leading educational researchers as well as organising just IFIP conferences. One of the weaknesses of some of the working groups is that by confining their activities just to the group (e.g.

small working conferences) it is more difficult to keep up with the leading research which is going on outside of IFIP. Therefore as a result of this strategy, WG3.3 has been doing the following during the past 4 years (with thanks to Margaret Cox):

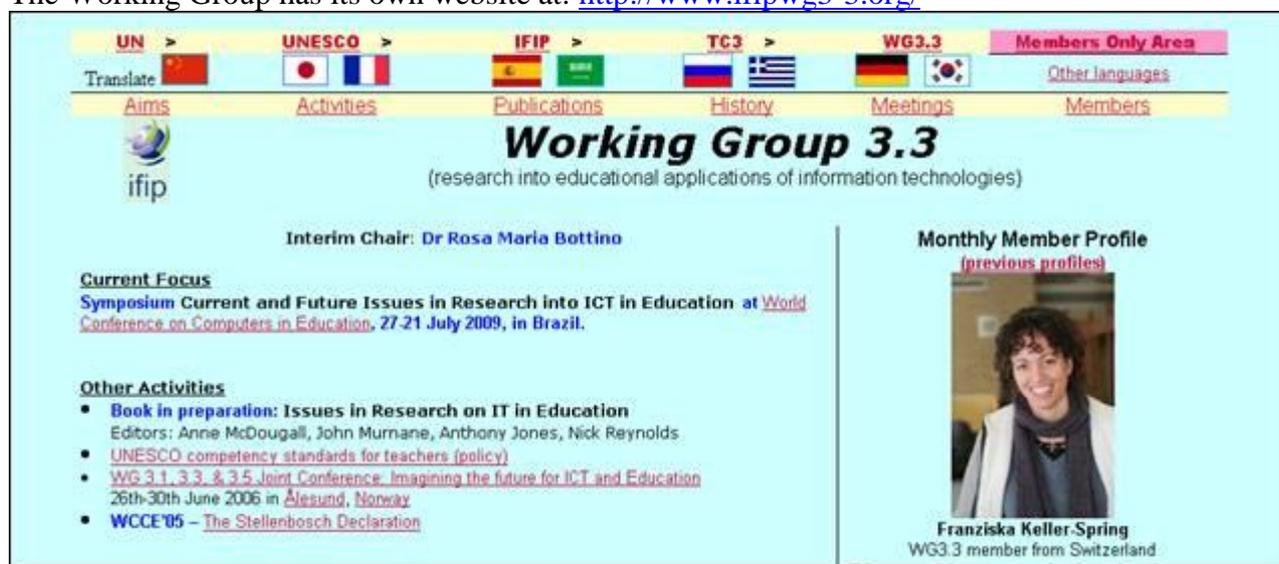
As a result of the strategy outlined above, WG3.3 has been doing the following during the past 4 years:

1. Produced a book *Researching IT in Education: Theory, Practice and Future Directions*, edited by Anne McDougall and others, with about 15 members of WG3.3 contributing chapters, to be published later this year by Routledge.
2. Planned the presentation of 3 symposia at WCCE2009 (1 is specifically focusing on WG3.3 members, the other 2 have several WG3.3 members included amongst the presenters/discussants. For each of these symposia we plan to prepare a position paper as an outcome)
3. Represented IFIP at other important Educational Research Conferences. These include: CAL09, BERA 2006, 2008, ITTE 2005, 2007, 2008, ECER 2008, SITe 2008 & 2009, EEC- Latvia 2009, Australian National computer Education conference 2008, AERA 2007 and 2009, the Handbook Summit - June 2009, Whole Class conference - Cambridge - 2009. There have been WG3.3 members attending all of these conferences which helps us achieve the important aim of both keeping up with the latest research and also telling people about the work of IFIP.
4. Small group meetings of some WG members at each of the above conferences.

## 9. WG3.3 Communications

A short verbal report was given by the Secretary, Andrew Fluck.

The Working Group has its own website at: <http://www.ifipwg3-3.org/>



The screenshot shows the website for Working Group 3.3. At the top, there is a navigation bar with flags for UN, UNESCO, IFIP, TC3, and WG3.3, and a 'Members Only Area' link. Below the navigation bar are tabs for 'Aims', 'Activities', 'Publications', 'History', 'Meetings', and 'Members'. The main content area includes the IFIP logo, the title 'Working Group 3.3 (research into educational applications of information technologies)', and the name of the Interim Chair, Dr Rosa Maria Bottino. There are sections for 'Current Focus' (a symposium in Brazil) and 'Other Activities' (a list of books and conferences). A 'Monthly Member Profile' section features a photo of Franziska Keller-Spring, a member from Switzerland.

Note the monthly member section, where we publish and archive details of member projects. There is also a link to our private Members Only Area in YahooGroups which contains archives of our e-mail discussions, membership database and shared files. This provides an automated voting mechanism and calendar. We are very interested in any centrally supported collaborative computing system from IFIP.

A VOTE OF THANKS was recorded to thank Andrew for the work he has done to build the communication strategy for the working group.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The AGM in 2010 will commence online 3 weeks before the **workshop to be held 28th June to 1st July 2010 in Amiens, France and will be completed at a face to face meeting in Amiens.**

## **11. AOB**

### **Closing comment for e-mail section**

Sergei Christochevsky: It's interesting to note that using Yahoo group is complex enough even for us. Can we imagine problems of many teachers trying to use many kinds of digital educational resources? We see, that usability is very important in "ICT in education".