

WG3.3 Annual General Meeting. March 25 2021

Agenda and agenda items were circulated for comment and discussion between March 1 -23 2021. 25 different members contributed to the agenda items which were presented in separate google docs.

Attendance: Christine Bescherer, Sharon Singh, Chris Shelton, Rosa Bottino, Deirdre Butler, Kathryn McCallum, Therese Keane, Gabriele Franklyn, Cathy Lewin, K. Nikolopoulou, Lynn Dagg, Cepru Xpuctou, Margaret Leahy, Johan van Niekerk

1. **Apologies:** Clarke Quinn, David Gibson, Andrej Brodnik, Mary Webb, Charoula Angeli, Petra Fisser, Torsten Brinda, Niki Davis, Margaret Cox, Sergei Christochevs, Keryn Pratt, Ulrich Kortenkamp
2. **Minutes of 2020 AGM in Mumbai, India (and matters arising)**
Minutes approved.
Matters arising:
 - Project that was to be led by Ellie Overland has not happened due shift to online teaching in the university and the attendant workload
3. **Membership proposals and Gratitude for Service**

Membership proposals: The following were proposed and accepted as intending members:

- Dr Kathryn MacCallum (University of Canterbury)
- Dr Cheryl Brown (University of Canterbury)
- Prof Linda Daniela (University of Latvia), Milorad Cerovac (University of Swinbourne)
- Dr Hsaoi-Ping Hsu (Dublin City University)
- Denis Moynihan (Dublin City University) and
- Kevin Maguire (Dublin City University)

Rosa B queried the procedure for approving new members asking how it is possible to approve people as new members if she doesn't know them. Cathy L noted that this year was unusual in the absence of a face to face conference where intending members would have presented and met with existing members; however, the names and information on intending members was provided in the Google Doc which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cathy explained that now that the database had been updated, the next task is to sort members into categories (corresponding/intended/full) and document the number of events attended by intending members. Mgt added that updating the database had taken a considerable amount of time, that it was now complete and the website would be updated to reflect current membership.

Gratitude for Service and Member Withdrawals: Updating the website has led to a number of members retiring from the group for a range of reasons. In addition, anyone who did not respond or whose email address was no longer active has been retired from the group (36 intending and corresponding members in total). 18 retiring members and one intending member were thanked for their service to WG3.3. It was reiterated that anyone who has previously been a member of WG3.3, did not have an opportunity to respond during the review period, and who gets in touch at any point in the future will be re-instated if they so wish.

Name	Email	Institution	URL	Category of membership	Nominated and seconded by
Membership proposals					
Dr Kathryn MacCallum	kathryn.maccallum@canterbury.ac.nz	University of Canterbury, New Zealand	https://researchprofile.canterbury.ac.nz/Researcher.aspx?Researcherid=5360492	Intending	N: Niki Davis S: Margaret Leahy
Dr Cheryl Brown	cheryl.brown@canterbury.ac.uk	University of Canterbury, New Zealand	https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/education-and-health/contact-us/people/cheryl-brown.html	Intending	N: Niki Davis S: Margaret Leahy
Prof Linda Daniela	linda.daniela@lu.lv	University of Latvia	https://orcid.org/0000-0002-0712-2276	Intending	N: Hasan Selcuk S: Cathy Lewin
Milorad Cerovac		University of Swinbourne		Intending	N: Therese Keane S: Margaret Leahy
Dr Hsaoi-Ping Hsu	Hsaoi-Ping.Hsu@dcu.ie	Dublin City University		Intending	N: Margaret Leahy S: Deidre Butler
Denis Moynihan	denis.moynihan@dcu.ie	Dublin City University		Intending	N: Margaret Leahy S: Deidre Butler
Kevin Maguire	kevin.maguire@dcu.ie	Dublin City University		Intending	N: Margaret Leahy S: Deidre Butler
Gratitude for service					

Deb Lipson				Member; secretary from 2016 until 2018	Resignation; Nominated by Cathy Lewin
Nicholas Reynolds		University of Melbourne		Member; previously member and a leader of conference in Melbourne	Resignation; Nominated by Niki Davis
Antonio J Osario		Braga University, Portugal		Intending; previously member and leader of 2017 conference in Guimarães	Resignation; Nominated by Niki Davis
Bridget Somekh				Member. Previously member for many years with service as book editor etc	Resignation; Nominated by Niki Davis
Joanne Blannin				Member	Resignation
Paul Nleya				Member	Resignation
Lampros Stergioulas				Member	Resignation
Helen Drenoyianni				Member	Resignation
Andrea Karpati				Member	Resignation
Anna Kristjansdottir				Member	Resignation
Valentina Dagiene				Member	Resignation
Donna Gronn				Member	Resignation
Anthony Jones				Member	Resignation
Jenny Masters				Member	Resignation
Geoff Romeo				Member	Resignation
Michelle Selinger		Cisco Ltd		Member	Resignation
John Vincent				Member	Resignation
Libby Jared				Member	Resignation
Terry Hinton				Member	Resignation
Withdrawn from membership					
Eric DeCorte				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Nicky Carr				Intending	Withdrawn

Ying Chen				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Janet Price				Intending	Withdrawn
Seamus Delaney				Intending	Withdrawn
Stefan Freischlad				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Tobias Nelkner				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Christian Spannagel				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Jorge Jensen				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Alfredo Fernandez-Valmayor				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Bruce Elson				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Patty Kostkova				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Arash Shahriari-Rad				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Sue Sentance				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Douglas Agyei				Intending	Withdrawn
Bhupindar Singh				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Augusto Chiocciariello				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Seo Jeonghee				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Woojin Paik				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Ghaida Alayyar				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Robert Gajewski				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Dorota Janczak				Intending	Withdrawn
Ali H. Abureesh				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Jo-yu (Amanda) Lee				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Wachira Nicholas				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Tiberio Garza			-	Corresponding	Withdrawn
Becky Sue Parton				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Ann D. Thompson				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Rachael Paton				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Martyn Wild				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Len Newton				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Ian Stevenson				Intending	Withdrawn
Julie Mackey				Intending	Withdrawn

Michele Cerulli				Corresponding	Withdrawn
Scott Overmyer				Corresponding	Withdrawn
I-fen Lin				Corresponding	Withdrawn

Actions:

- i. Margaret & Therese to update the membership list on the WG3.3 members page
- ii. Cathy & Margaret to contact intending members and provide support for them to reach eligibility for full membership (attending 2 IFIP events, subject to approval by country representative and TC3 committee)

3a Election of Officials

Cathy Lewin was re-elected as chair of WG3.3 for the period Jan 2022 – Dec 2024

4. Report on recent and current WG 3.3 activities

Presented by Cathy on behalf of Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary

- Hasan Selcuk was thanked for his contribution as vice-chair in October 2020 from January 2019 to October 2020, and particularly for his work supporting the website development.
- Andrew Fluck thanked for his ongoing support over 2020 following his official retirement from the committee in December 2018.
- Remainder of report items detailed in Items 5 & 6

5. Journal

Therese K reported that the popularity of EAIT has grown considerably under the stewardship of Arthur Tatnell. This popularity has significantly increased the workload of the editorial team and the reviewers. There are currently four associate editors and 300 reviewers but there have been 500 submissions to date this year (acceptance rate of approx 22%). Therese highlighted the need for more reviewers and requested that members help towards the recruitment of high quality reviewers. Rosa B congratulated Therese for the good work on the journal noting that its quality has significantly improved over the years; she asked about plans to further improve the scope and rankings of the journal and suggested applying to the Web of Science. Rosa also suggested that carrying out the first screening by the associate editors leads to an increased workload for them.

Therese noted that in addition to the Scopus index, the journal has been accepted on the Social Science index.

6. Future activities of WG3.3

- A. WCCE 2022: Rosa B gave an update on planning for WCCE 2022, noting that the conference is scheduled in Japan from August 21-25 2022 may be a hybrid conference. The conference website is open and she asked members to publicise it. Cathy L announced the intention to contact Members of TC 3.3 in the Autumn to discuss possible ideas for symposia

- B. Edusummit 2022. Margaret outlined that the theme of EDUsummit2022 is yet to be defined but it is planned that a list of the Thematic Working Groups will be published and that an updated formal invitation will be sent within the next few months. Cathy explained that TC3.3 has had a longstanding relationship with EDUsummit and that TC3.3 members are usually invited to EDUsummit through the mailing list (this has to be negotiated separately for each event). Petra Fiser, as a member of the steering committee of EDUsummit, has invited members to propose new and innovative ideas for Thematic Working Groups of the upcoming EDUsummit, stating that the overall topic will be something like Rethinking Education, Schools and Schooling in the Post-Pandemic Digital Era. The steering committee is due to meet in April to discuss all proposals. Ideas suggested included: AI/machine learning, AI ethics and assessment

Action: Cathy to negotiate an invitation from Edusummit 2022 for WG3.3 members

- C. Book proposal. Therese K gave an update on Andrew Fluck and Therese's book proposal to Springer regarding Coding and Computational Thinking in K-12. The proposal is currently being reviewed and subject to it being accepted, they will be calling for members to submit a chapter. If this proposal is successful, more details will follow. The initiative was welcomed and fully supported by several members who noted that this is a useful topic.
- D. Special issue related to WCCE 2022. The possibility of putting together a symposium (or possibly two) at WCCE (postponed and following this up with a special issue was introduced at the AGM in Mumbai and further discussed at this AGM. Cathy suggested that the group work towards two potential special issues: one related to Artificial Intelligence and the other to Learning after Covid and that should we agree on these themes, we should plan to organise corresponding symposia at WCCE. This gave rise to three questions which she opened up for discussion: Are the themes acceptable? Which journals to target? Are there any conflicts with potential outcomes of the conference? As part of the subsequent discussion, Therese K noted that EAIT as already has a special issue on Covid in train, it was unlikely to do another but that she would investigate the possibility of a special issue on machine learning. After some debate around the viability of focusing on learning after Covid, it was agreed that the proposal should be revisited in the Autumn when hopefully, we would have come through the pandemic and have had some time for reflection. Rosa B said that she was unsure if there are any conflicts with WCCE which plans a post conference book and one or two special issues in the Japan Computer Society journal (in English).

Action: The group agreed to review the topics in the autumn 2021 when the WCCE 2022 call for participation will have been published and WG3.3 will discuss topics for symposia proposals.

Therese K felt that the inclusion of the word 'proceedings' in the title of the book is problematic in terms of the recognition it is given in her university i.e. It can be perceived as conference proceedings and not rated as highly as a journal article. Many agreed with this observation stating that it was the same in their universities. Therese requested that the

issue be brought to TC3 Executive and a request be made for a change of name. Sharon Singh and Cathy agreed to do so.

Action: It was agreed that Cathy and Sharon would take this request to the next meeting of TC3 Executive

- E. **Review of WG3.3 area of TC3 website.** Therese reiterated the plans for developing the webpage as part of the asynchronous discussion (March 22):
- The WG3.3 site will contain up-to-date information with events and activities.
 - The WG3.3 site will feature member's research that has recently been published in a high quality journal. Members will be asked to submit this information through a template.
 - This information will be updated every 3-4 weeks.
 - The information will be as up-to-date as members make it. So it will be important for members to let us know of recently published research that we can celebrate and disseminate amongst our members.

Following feedback Therese has agreed to review the template and welcomed all suggestions that may be possible to implement. Other members expressed an interest in seeing information about member's projects

7. Date and location of next AGM

The next AGM will take place at OCCE 2022 in Japan and it was agreed that it would be preceded by an asynchronous AGM

8. Any other business (AOB)

- Attendance at Zanibar webinars count as an event
- Cathy thanked all members for their engagement and contributions in both the asynchronous and synchronous meetings

Matters arising

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Regarding the potential conflict between post-conference proceedings and a special issue for WCCE 2022, it was agreed by the WCCE 2022 programme committee that there was no conflict.

Regarding the title of the post-conference proceedings, this was raised at the TC3 AGM in 2021. Don reported:

"I've had some correspondence with Springer, and, as I had imagined, they use a standard titling format for all AICT series, to conform with the fact that they are proceedings rather than contracted books with authors on specific topics. They state that the primary title is the title provided by the conference, but that 'proceedings' is mentioned in a sub-title.

As I'm the lead editor for the OCCE 2021 post-conference book, I will check again when we submit and check front matter pages with Springer for that volume.

I realise that doesn't address the problem, but I hope it provides some explanation at this stage."