

## **SIG Board Meetings – Monday, December 13, 2010**

Session 1: From 7 am to 8:30 am and Session 2: for 6 pm to 7:15 pm

Present: Annika Andersson (IPID), Mathias Hataka (IPID), Robert Davison (Research, Asia), Muhammadou Kah (Vice Chair), Lena Prince Nchako (Fundraising), Sajda Qureshi (Publications), Rick Watson (Global Text), Don McCubbrey (Global Text), Maung Sein (Research, Europe), Alina Chircu (Membership), Ted Stohr (Chair), Jan Damsgaard (Europe), Roland Weistroffer (AMCIS Track Co-Chair), Jacques Steyn, Ahmed Imran (Monash, Australia)

### **1. Overview of Activities (Ted Stohr)**

In 2010, the SIG conducted a business meeting and ran a track at AMCIS in Lima, Peru. Thanks to a membership drive (see below) and a combination of an increase in the registration fee and good attendance at the current PreICIS Workshop, early indications are that the SIG has a positive balance. An official financial report will be available from AIS shortly.

Just over 40 people attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual workshop in Saint Louis (accurate attendance records will be obtained from AIS shortly.) The workshop featured: an outstanding keynote address by Victor Lawrence, Chair of Baharicom Holding Co. Ltd., 18 paper presentations in 6 separate sessions, and 3 panel sessions. Thanks to our program co-chairs, Ojelanki and Sajda, and all of the following for an excellent workshop: 26 authors and co-authors; 30 paper referees; 8 panelists; and, 11 session chairs. The final program and full-text of the keynote and all paper presentations are available on our web site. The proceedings will shortly be available on the AIS eLibrary.

As a result of the Lima meeting, the SIG has started an initiative to develop graduate curricula in ICT4D. Example program curricula and syllabi were collected and are available on the SIG's web site (see more discussion below).

The board welcomed Lena Prince Nchako, our new Vice Chair for Fundraising.

The board expressed its gratitude for the excellent job done by our webmasters, Salam Abdullah and Reem Ayoubi.

### **2. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Membership (Alina Chircu)**

After initial problems with the AIS membership registration system, an invitation to join the SIG was distributed to AISWorld members in October 2010.

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| Paying Members | 31 | 71  |
| Total Members  | 71 | 123 |

We will continue our efforts to recruit both paying and non-paying (from UN “non-rich” countries) next year under Alina’s leadership.

b. Publications (Sajda Qureshi)

ITD Journal continues to thrive (see <http://www.tandf.co.uk>). There were 21,037 downloads (55% from U.S.) of ITDJ articles via Informaworld and EBSCO in the period January-June 2010. ITDJ content is available to 5,000 institutions in the developing world via <http://www.research4life.org>. An application has been submitted for registration by ISI.

[The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries](#) (Robert Davison, editor –in-chief) has a large backlog of submissions and has also applied for registration by ISI.

c. AMCIS 2010 SIG GlobDev Track, Lima (Roland Weistroffer)

Thanks to track co-chairs Roland and Narcyz,Roztoki, the GlobDev SIG track at AMCIS featured 28 papers (from 43 submissions) in 7 mini-tracks and was very successful.

**3. Election of New Officers (Robert Davison)**

The nomination committee consisting of Robert Davison, Sajda Qureshi and Maung Sein, met twice during ICIS. According to our bylaws (available on our web site) three positions are open for election: Chair-elect, Chair Research and Chair Education. The ballot will be conducted by AIS in the March-April framework or earlier.

**4. SIG Tracks at AMCIS 2011 in Detroit**

The AMCIS 2011 chairs decided not to have SIG tracks at AMCIS 2011. After considering the consternation of the SIGs track chairs, AMCIS 2011 requested the SIGs to find existing tracks in which they can work and also solicited proposals from the SIGS. A letter signed by 18 SIG chairs was sent to the president of AIS and the General Chair of AMCIS 2011 requesting that SIGs be included in future AMCIS conferences. At Julie Kendall’s (AIS SIG Chair and GlobDev Board member) suggestion, AIS Council met at ICIS and resolved that future AMCIS program chairs should “seriously consider” including SIG tracks in future AMCIS conferences. (The exact wording of the resolution will be circulated to all, shortly.)

It is to be hoped that SIG tracks will be restored to AMCIS conferences starting in 2012 – otherwise we will lose an important mechanism for advancing the SIG and global development research. One possibility is for the SIGs to meet at each preceding AMCIS

to develop a proposal for SIG tracks, which would then be discussed with the AMCIS program chairs.

## **5. ICIS 2011 in Shanghai**

Some issues that need to be discussed in conjunction with a pre-ICIS workshop at Shanghai include: (1) personal expense (travel plus room rate approx \$179 plus registration approx \$620); (2) inconvenient time one week earlier than usual (December 4-7); and (3) expense of room space at the Convention Center for the SIGs (possibly, between \$4,000 and \$10,000).

The SIG GlobDev board will meet electronically to discuss ICIS and other alternatives (such as ECIS) for meetings in 2011.

## **6. ICT4D Masters of Science Curriculum**

During the workshop panel devoted to ICT4D curricula, the panel and audience briefly discussed a tentative program developed by Muhammadou for implementation in The University of the Gambia in fall, 2011. The SIG GlobDev subcommittee led by Muhammadou, will consider next steps for implementation. In the meantime, the tentative curriculum will be placed on our web site for discussion purposes.

## **7. Possible Funding from Baharicom Labs**

Our speaker, Victor Lawrence, indicated that funding opportunities might be available from Baharicom Labs. More on this in the New Year, when more details will be known.