

MINUTES

Sig Board Meeting Sunday, December 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 am Gran Melia Hotel, Shanghai Room: Huang Shan (#6)

Present: Kweku-Muata Osei-Bryson, Sajda Qureshi, Jim Pick, Ted Stohr, Marlene Holmer, Doug Vogel (President-elect, AIS), Felix Bollou, Boyi Li, Gunjan Mansingh, Fay Cobb Payton, Gerald Grant, Marlene Holmner, Tibor Vörös

Special Guest: Anthony Ming, Commonwealth Secretariat (Workshop Keynoter)

4th Annual SIG GlobDev Workshop, Shanghai, Dec 3, 2011

[As announced at the Workshop itself]

Thanks to the Program Co-chairs (Sajda Qureshi and Ojelanki Ngwenyama), to the authors and panelists and keynote speaker, Tony Ming, for a very stimulating and successful workshop. A total of 31 papers submissions were received, 24 papers were accepted; 3 papers were withdrawn because of funding difficulties. Each submitted paper was double-blind reviewed by one or more of the 38 reviewers who kindly devoted their time and expertise to the review process.

Announcements and Overview of Activities (Ted Stohr)

Apologies were acknowledged from the following board members who were unable to attend: Ojelanki Ngwenyama (Chair-elect), Muhammadou Kah (Vice Chair), Alina Chircu (VC Membership), (Carina de Villiers, VC Education.) and Lena Chacko (Fundraising).

The board decided to award an Honorary Life-time SIG GlobDev Membership to our Web Master, Salam Abdullah (Abu Dhabi University, UAE) for outstanding contributions to the SIG since its founding in 2008.

Brief Committee Reports

Finance (Presented by Ted Stohr)

Due to extraordinary expenses associated with the Shanghai conference (mainly room rental costs), this year's workshop ran at a loss. A full financial report will be presented to the board as soon as information is available from AIS.

Fundraising (Lena Chacko)

Lena has developed a template letter for sponsorship solicitations and has plans to develop a program for both individual and corporate donations. This effort will be coordinated with the

plans being developed by Ojelanki. Funding will also be sought to introduce the proposed new Master of Science in ITD program at The University of the Gambia in fall, 2012.

Membership (Alina Chircu) (see Appendix 1)

Highlights: SIG GlobDev now has 243 members from 52 different countries (176 from “High-Income” countries). Plans are underway to increase membership through future conferences and email solicitations.)

Publications (Sajda Qureshi)

1. Upcoming special issues and GlobDev issues in progress
2. Impact and ranking:
 - a. The Journal is currently under review by Thomson Reuters for inclusion in the Science and Social Sciences Citation Indexes
 - b. The Journal is indexed in Scopus: impact score 0.8
 - c. The Journal has also been submitted for inclusion in the Association of Business Schools Academic Journal Quality Guide.
3. ITD Support for research and education: teaching cases

Research (Kweku-Muata Osei Bryson)

Kweku-Muata announced that he would pursue three major new initiatives:

1. Encourage research in developing countries
2. Edit Special Issues in highly-ranked IS journals that are devoted to global development topics
3. Expand involvement of expatriate researchers in development research and activities in their home countries & other developing countries, including mentoring junior researchers.

Message from Chair-elect, Ojelanki Ngwenyama (presented by Kweku-Muata)

Kweku-Muata read a very gracious report from Chair-elect, Ojelanki Ngwenyama, in which he acknowledged the contributions of current board members to the success of the SIG and promised to lead the SIG towards the realization of its vision of bringing value to global development activities. See Appendix 2.

Other Business

Tony Ming suggested that SIG GlobDev develop relationships with global organizations such as the Commonwealth Secretariat, IMF and Worldbank through which real world development problems could be connected to SIG GlobDev and AIS researchers. Doug Vogel, Sajda Qureshi and Ted Stohr will follow up on a teleconference in the very near future.

APPENDIX 1

SIG GLOBDEV MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, 2011

SIG GLOBDEV BOARD MEETING

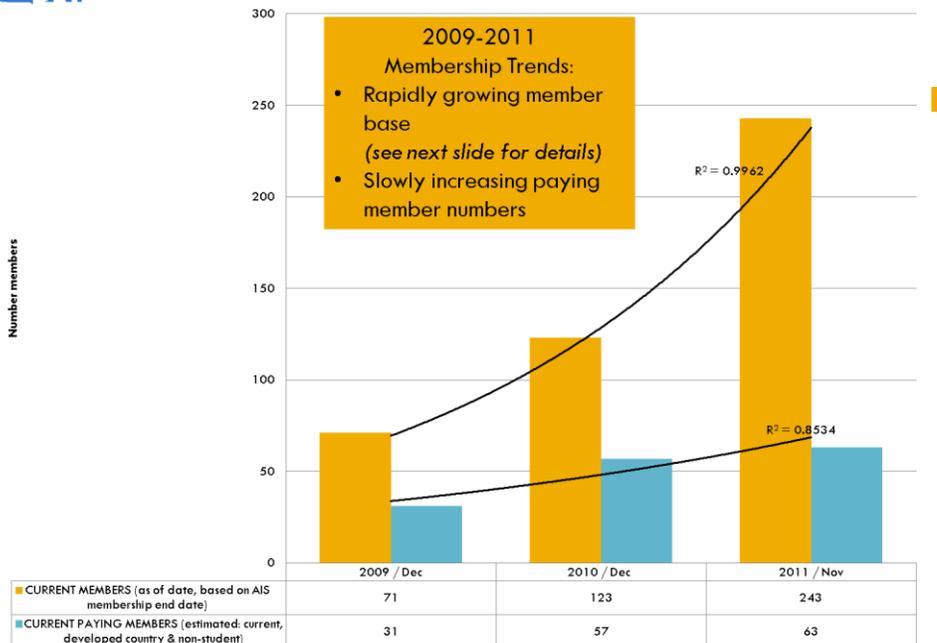
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Alina Chircu, Bentley University (achircu@bentley.edu)
Membership Vice-Chair



SIG GlobDev Membership Trend





Next Steps

- Comments or suggestions: Please email achircu@bentley.edu.
- Workshops and affiliated conferences as a way for promoting the SIG and increasing membership
 - ECIS 2012 planned workshop (pre or post-conference):
 - Workshop co-chairs: Cathy Urquhart (UK), Alina Chircu (US)
 - Program co-chairs: Neels Kruger (South Africa) (and if available Marlei Pozzebon [marlei.pozzebon@hec.ca])
 - Additional co-chairs to be confirmed - Research in progress: Marlene Holmner and/or Machdel Matthee (both U Pretoria); PhD research: Annika Andersson annika.andersson@oru.se or Matthias Hattaka mathias.hattaka@oru.se
 - Tentative dates:
 - Submissions: ~ Feb - March 2012
 - Reviews: March - April 2012
 - Acceptance: mid-April 2012
 - Program announcements: end of April 2012
 - Workshop: June 2012 (pre or post ECIS - June 9, 10, 13 or 14 tbd based on venue availability)
 - AMCIS 2012: ICTs in Global Development (SIGGlobDev) Track (<http://amcis2012.aisnet.org/index.php/program/tracks-and-minitracks/56>)
 - Track Co-Chairs: Narcyz Roztocki, & H. Roland Weistroffer
 - ICIS 2012 plans – tbd

APPENDIX 2: Acceptance Speech of Ojelanki Ngwenyama

Dear Colleagues

Some of you already know that I could not make it to this meeting. So I have asked my colleague and friend Kweku to read this short speech for me.

As I start my term as chair of our group I want to thank those people who have lead the development of Globdev to this stage.

As chair I am benefiting from Ted's committed efforts. While I don't want to minimize the contributions of others, I would be remiss if I failed to point out how much we have gained from the experienced and thoughtful leadership of Ted. It is no secret that Ted has worked tirelessly on building this SIG. It is not easy lead an organization of academics of such differing views and opinions. But Ted has managed through the late nights, developing our workshops and other programs, inviting participants from industry, GO's and NGO's, pulling pieces together before they fall apart, advising and encouraging younger colleagues, and building a healthy community which we now participate.

Ted, I think that I speak for all the members of SIG Globdev when I say that we owe you a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid in this life time. Thank you for your good will, farsightedness, committed and diligent work on our behalf. Thank you for bringing us this far. I hope that we can continue to build on you legacy and ensure that Globdev continues to grow and contribute to so many throughout the world.

To our Vice Chair Muhammadou Kah who has serve so ably; (how you have grown) I still remember you as a PhD student (some might miss this nuance, as it is quite African). Thank you Muhammadou for your service to our community.

Carina, thank you for your efforts as co-chair for Africa; and thank you for stepping up to serve as Vice Chair of education.

Thank you Robert, Co-chair for Asia;

Thanks to Julie and Ken co-chairs for N. America;

Thank you Leiser co-chair of S. America

Thank you Ake Co-chair for Europe

Thank you Niv, Co-chair for Middle East

Thank you Cathy

Thank you Fay

Thank you Roberto

Thank you Chris

A very special thanks to Sajda who will continue to be a driving force in our Globdev community.

Thanks to members of the Education Committee, Research Committee and Membership Committee.

My Dear friend and colleague Kweku, thanks for reading this SHORT speech and for stepping up to serve as Vice-Chair for Research.

And of course there is Globdev without all those participate and bring to life the various projects and activities we have. Please keep coming and keep us growing and serving the world beyond our own privilege enclaves.

I also want to thank you all for entrusting me with the leadership of our community for the next few years. I hope to work closely with everyone to keep the great spirit of community and sharing that is Globdev.

Thank you

Always love

Ojelanki