

Association for Constraint Programming General Assembly 2011

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The ACP Executive Committee in 2011

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Chairs of the Conference

- **Programme Chair:** Jimmy Lee
- **Conference Chair:** Stefano Bistarelli

Local Organising Team

The **red t-shirt folks** (names on the web-site), supported by Laura Marozzi (University of Perugia).

CP Conferences in 2012 and 2013

CP 2012 – Quebec City

- **Programme Chair:** TBA
- **Conference Chair:** Gilles Pesant, Claude-Quy Quimper
- **Additional Local Chair:** Louis Martin Rouseau

CP 2013 – Looking for a host

Please propose! IJCAI 2013 have asked about co-location.

ACP Web-sites

ACP Web-site

<http://www.4c.ucc.ie/acp>

<http://www.a4cp.org>

CP Online

<http://www.4c.ucc.ie/cponline>

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LinkedIn Group (Suggested by Guido Tack)



165 members

ACP Summer School on Constraint Programming

2011 Summer School

- 27 June to 1 July 2011, Turunc (Turkey)
- Organized by Pierre Flener and Justin Pearson (Uppsala University), and Christian Schulte (KTH)
- Program included both introductory courses on hybridisation of CP with SAT, MIP, SLS, and continuous optimisation.
- The speakers were Ian Gent (University of St Andrews), John Hooker (CMU), Laurent Michel (University of Connecticut), and Michel Rueher (Universite de Nice Sophia Antipolis).
- 34 participants

2012 Summer School

Expressions of Interest?

Establishment of a CP Standardisation Working Group

- Autumn of 2008, Jacob Feldman (4C) and Narendra Jussien (Ecole des Mines, Nantes) proposed to establish a Standardization Work Group supported by the ACP.
- Inclusive participation
- <http://www.cpstandards.org>
- On March 25, 2010 Java Community Process (JCP) published the Early Draft Review of the JSR-331 “Constraint Programming API”
- Discussion Forum
- Focus on working towards standards to make CP advances available to the **business** community.
- **JSR 331 was awarded the most innovative JSR of the year for JCP Program Awards.**

ACP Research Excellence Award

This year's recipient

Patrick Prosser (Glasgow)

Nominated by: Ian Gent, Barbara Smith, and Toby Walsh.

Award Committee

Rina Dechter, Pascal Van Hentenryck, Alan Mackworth, Jimmy Lee, and Barry O'Sullivan (Chair).

ACP Doctoral Research Award 2010

This year's recipient

Standa Zivny

Nominated by: Peter Jeavons.

Honourable Mention

Michele Lombardi

Nominated by: Michela Milano.

Award Committee

Peter van Beek, Toby Walsh, Roland Yap (Chair).

ACP Distinguished Service Award 2012

A Call for Nominations will be circulated for the 2012 award.

Treasurer's Report (Thomas Schiex)

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Shadow (Training) PC for CP

Distinct from the “official process” with mentors.

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Considerations

- 1 Acceptance rate is in good shape, as are submission rates
- 2 Policy guidelines on “rebuttals” – no scores to authors?
- 3 Senior PC Members, with all reviewers on the PC?
- 4 Open reviews/discussion to all PC members
- 5 Peer-scoring of reviews?
- 6 Reviewer-paper assignment
- 7 Physical/electronic meeting for borderline papers?

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