Association for Constraint Programming
General Assembly 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

http://www.cponline.org
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](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).
A Call for Nominations will be circulated for the 2012 award.
Treasurer’s Report (Thomas Schiex)
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