Association for Constraint Programming: annual report

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President of the ACP
Summary

- Report on 2006-2007 activities
- Plan for next year
- Presentation/discussion on new bylaws
Members of the ACP EC (2006-2007)

- J. Lee (elected: 2006-2009)
- M. Milano (elected: 2004-2007)
- B. O’Sullivan (elected: 2005-2008)
- J.C. Regin (elected: 2006-2009)
- F. Rossi (elected: 2005-2008)
- C. Schulte (elected: 2006-2009)
- M. Trick (elected: 2006-2009)
Structure (2006-2007)

- **President**: Francesca Rossi
- **Vice-president**: Peter Van Beek
- **Secretary**: Pedro Meseguer
- **Treasurer**: Christian Bessiere
- **Conference coordinator**: Barry O’Sullivan

- Appointed in October 2007 for 1 year
Decisions for CP 2008

- Chosen bid: Sydney, Australia
- Period: September 2008
- Colocated with ICAPS, KR, NMR
- Conference chair: Toby Walsh
- Program chair: Peter Stuckey
2007 CP summer school

- Subject: general
- Location: Lloret de Mar, Spain
- Period: June 18-23, 2007
- Chairs: J. Larrosa, P. Meseguer
- 31 students
- 6 lecturers
- Lecture notes and video recording on the web site
Feedback on doctoral program

- Questionnaire for students and organizers
- Thanks to:
  - Zeynep Kiziltan: organized the questionnaire and prepared a report
  - Emma Rollon: built the web site
- Report will be put on the ACP web site
- Guidelines for future DP organizers
2007 ACP research award

- Recipient: **Rina Dechter**
- Award committee:
  - C. Bessiere, E. Freuder, P. Meseguer, F. Rossi, P. Van Hentenryck
Support to other events

- 1000 euros to CSCLP 2007
  - annual ERCIM workshop on constraint solving and constraint logic programming, colocated with the French speaking days on Constraint Programming (JFPC’07), June 7-8, 2007, INRIA Roquencourt, France

- 2000 euros to CP-AI-OR 2007
  - 4\textsuperscript{th} international conference on integration of AI and OR techniques in CP for combinatorial optimization problems, May 23-26, 2007, Brussels, Belgium
Call for bids for 2008 CP summer school

- Open call
- Call ends on October 31, 2007
- Previous schools
  - 2005: Italy -- general
  - 2006: Greece – global constraints
  - 2007: Spain -- general
New award

- Besides the
  - Research award
  - Best paper award
  - Best student paper award

- The EC has decided to also have an ACP best Ph.D. thesis award
Proposal for new bylaws

- The EC discussed at length new bylaws for the ACP
- Main goals:
  - All-elected EC
  - Annual membership
  - More power to the general assembly
Finances

- On Sept. 15, 2006: **70,239** euros
- Money in:
  - Account interests 2006: **1,511** euros
  - CP 2006 loan back (5,000 euros) + profit (3,466 euros): **8,466** euros
- Money out:
  - ACP EC dinner at CP 2006: **329** euros
  - **2007 summer school**: **3,700** euros
  - CP 2007 seed money: **13,500** euros
  - **CP 2007 doctoral program**: **10,000** euros
  - Support to CP-AI-OR 2007: **2,000** euros
  - ERCIM workshop on constraints: **1,000** euros
  - Bank transfers: **42** euros
  - Account fees: **11** euros
- Currently: **49,635** euros
ACP EC elections (Aug. - Sept. 2007)

- Ending their term at CP 2007:
  - P. Van Beek, J. Larrosa, P. Meseguer, M. Milano
  - THANKS!

- Two open positions

- 145 people voted

- Elected:
  - P. Meseguer, T. Schiex
  - CONGRATULATIONS!

- Some resignations in September 2007
  - J.C. Regin
  - F. Benhamou
  - N. Jussien
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Plans for 2007-2008

- New appointments within EC: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, conference coordinator
- Decision for 2008 CP summer school: Nov. 2007
- Call for bids for CP 2009: October-Dec. 2007
- 2008 ACP research award
- Support to
  - Summer school
  - Doctoral program
  - CP-related events
- Implementation of new bylaws
  - Policies and procedures
Proposal for new bylaws

- Main points will be described by Mike Trick