

M i n u t e s
of the ICAT International Steering Committee (ISC) Meeting
held on line via ZOOM on Thursday, December 8, 2022

12:00(UTC)

Orlando (EST, UTC-5): 7:00am

London/Dublin (GMT, UTC+0): 12:00am(noon)

Paris/Bremen (CET, UTC+1): 1:00pm

Cyprus (EET, UTC+2): 2:00pm

Tokyo/Seoul (JST/KST, UTC+9): 9:00pm

Adelaide (ACDT; UTC+10:30): 10:30pm

Participants:

Prof. Susumu Tachi, ICAT ISC Chair
Prof. Kiyoshi Kiyokawa, ICAT ISC Vice Chair
Prof. Mark Billingham
Prof. Anthony Lewis Brooks
Prof. Hideo Saito
Prof. Sabine Coquillart
Prof. Bruce H. Thomas
Prof. Anthony Steed
Prof. Despina Michael-Grigoriou
Prof. Masahiko Inami
Prof. André Hinkenjann
Prof. Ernst Kruijff
Prof. Maki Sugimoto, ICAT-EGVE2022 General Chair
Prof. Michael Manzke, ICAT-EGVE2023 General Chair
Prof. John Dingliana, ICAT-EGVE2023 General Chair

Prof. Michitaka Hirose, Prof. Hyun Seung Yang, Prof. Yasushi Ikei, Prof. Yoshifumi Kitamura, Prof. Hirokazu Kato, Prof. Gabriel Zachmann, Prof. Carolina Crutz-Neira, Prof. Dirk Reiners, Prof. Ross T Smith, Prof. Gerd Bruder apologized absence.

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Professor Frederick Phillips Brooks Jr. (April 19, 1931 – November 17, 2022) at the beginning of the meeting.

1. The draft Agenda prepared by the Chairperson was approved.
2. Report of ICAT-EGVE2022 at Keio University, Yokohama, Japan was done by Prof. Maki Sugimoto, General Chair of ICAT-EGVE2022, with complimentary remarks.
3. Invitation of Prof. Maki Sugimoto to ICAT ISC as a new International Steering Committee member was unanimously approved.
4. Interim Report on ICAT-EGVE2023, which will be held in Dublin, Ireland on December 6-8, 2023 by Prof. John Dingliana and Prof. Michael Manzke, General Chairs of ICAT-EGVE2023.
 - 4.1 The ICAT-EGVE domain was discussed and two candidates were proposed.

(Plan 1) Create and use <https://icat.vrsj.org/2023/>. The advantage is that the VRSJ will bear the cost and manage the domain name, and it can be operated as <https://icat.vrsj.org/20xx/> for a long time to come. The disadvantage is that EGVE is not included in the domain name although it is clear that the conference is co-sponsored by the two organizations from the conference name.

(Plan 2) Acquire ICAT-EGVE.org, etc. and use it on a rotating host basis. The advantage is that EGVE will be included in the domain name. The disadvantage is that the GC who receives the notice and invoice for domain extension and the GC who actually pays the fee will be different, so it is easy to forget to extend the domain name. Once lost, the vendor buys in and it is expensive to buy it back. However, if left unchecked, important records are lost.

The conclusion was tabled for this discussion. The General Chairs of the next ICAT-EGVE in Dublin will make a final decision based on this discussion. Incidentally, in case of (1), Prof. Maki Sugimoto will prepare a subdirectory and provide it to Profs. Michael Manzke and John Dingliana. In case of (2), Profs.

Michael Manzke and John Dingliana will acquire the domain name and devise a method for its continuous operation without the risk mentioned above.

4.2 Discussion was held on the possibility of holding the next conference in a hybrid format, and it was agreed that online presentations and participation would still be meaningful even if the COVID-19 concerns were no longer present. As the discussion was informative, the final decision was left to the GCs of ICAT-EGVE2023.

5. Possible venues for ICAT-EGVE2024 were discussed including South America. The customary order is Japan > Europe > other countries > Japan. If this order is followed, it is the turn of the other countries, and the ICAT ISC will search for candidates along these lines as much as possible. If the ICAT ISC cannot find a candidate, the order may be changed to Japan. The result will be notified to the committee members by e-mail.

6. ICAT Fellow was established and the title of "ICAT Fellow" will be conferred in recognition of the achievements and contributions of those who have served as ICAT Steering Committee members for many years and are now stepping down from their positions.

6.1 There was a suggestion that Distinguished Fellows should be awarded instead of Fellows. However, having only Distinguished Fellows without Fellows is not consistent with the system, while having both would require a review committee and make it difficult to set review criteria. Some suggested that the number of years a person has served on the ISC should be used, but the number of years alone cannot determine a person's contribution to the ISC. Since "Fellow" means "distinguished member" in the first place, it was concluded that "Fellow" should be used. Incidentally, Fellow is the highest honor in IEEE, and there is no Distinguished Fellow.

6.2 Prof. Tachi and Prof. Kiyokawa will review the proposal to move to Fellow, make a decision, and post it on the following ICAT web site. <https://icat.vrsj.org/about.php>

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 13:00 (UTC).

Respectfully submitted:

Susumu Tachi