SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Introduction

The first section of this issue of *Behavior Research Methods* contains articles based on presentations at the 37th and 38th Annual Meetings of the Society for Computers in Psychology (SCiP) held, respectively, in Long Beach, California, in 2007, and in Chicago in 2008. SCiP is a society that brings together psychologists interested in techniques and issues surrounding the use of computers in all facets of psychology. The annual meeting is held the day before the Psychonomic Society meeting at the same location. The conference still manages to maintain the vital element that is the major reason for the development of conferences: conversation. One can still discuss the issues with colleagues one knows and with colleagues one meets as a result of their presentations. Over the years, many groundbreaking techniques for the use of computers in psychological research and teaching have been first presented at this conference. These studies often later find their way into this journal, either in this special issue or as regular contributions. If one has any interest in the use of computers in psychology and is going to the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, it is worth it to arrive a day early to take in this important conference. In fact, any reader of this journal should consider attending the SCiP conference. The history of *BRM* and the SCiP conference are tightly intertwined. For more information about SCiP, visit www.scip.ws/.

The 2008 Annual Meeting

The one-day conference was held at the Chicago Hilton on November 13, 2008. The program included a wide range of presentations in seven paper sessions and one poster session. The topics included Web-based research, computer modeling, quantitative methods, discourse methods, educational methods, and multimodal expert systems. The program chairs for the 2008 meeting were Kim-Phuong L. Vu and David Waller. The Keynote address, given by Frank Durso, was entitled "For Better and Worse: Marrying Humans and Technology Under the Cognitive Huppa." Gary Bradshaw delivered the Presidential Address, "ePsych, SCiP, and the (R)Evolution of the Textbook." The 2008 Castellan student paper award winner was Gabriel Recchia of Indiana University, for his paper with Michael N. Jones entitled "More Data Trumps Smarter Algorithms: Training Computational Models of Semantics on Very Large Corpora." That paper is included in this issue.

The SCiP articles included here were contributed to *BRM* and reviewed by the journal's consulting editors, members of the steering committee of the SCiP conference, and ad hoc reviewers with expertise in each paper's area. I thank all of the reviewers for their important contributions to the quality of these articles.

At this meeting, the officers for the next year were announced. Xiangen Hu, University of Memphis, has assumed the presidency, and Michael Birnbaum, University of California, Fullerton, was voted president-elect. Michael N. Jones, Indiana University, is the secretary treasurer. The steering committee for 2008 comprised Curt Burgess, University of California, Riverside; Katja Wiemer-Hastings, Northern Illinois University; Ping Li, University of Richmond; Ulf-Dietrich Reips, University of Zurich; Michael Schulte-Mecklenbeck, University of Bergen; Kim-Phuong L. Vu, California State University, Long Beach; and David A. Waller, Miami University, Ohio.

The 2009 Annual Meeting

The 39th Annual Meeting of SCiP will be held at the Sheraton hotel in Boston on Thursday, November 19, 2009, just before the 50th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. The Call for Papers may be found at www.scip.ws. Presentations geared for all levels are appropriate, including introductory tutorials, new ways of teaching or collecting data, and technical information for researchers and programmers. The Keynote address will be given by William Warren. Individuals

interested in suggesting a topic for a symposium or submitting a paper for the 2009 meeting are urged to contact the program chair, Michael Waller, with questions or comments.

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Editor's Note

Publication of Conference Papers

As in the past, papers presented at the SCiP conference may be considered for the May issue of *Behavior Research Methods* published the following year. The deadline for submitting the manuscripts online at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/psychonomic/brmic> is November 10, 2009. If you have any questions, contact Gregory Francis, gfrancis@purdue.edu, as the proceedings editor.

About the Society for Computers in Psychology

Membership in SCiP and participation at the meeting are open to all who are interested in the uses of computers in psychological research, teaching, and applications. Information about joining SCiP or participating in its meetings may be obtained from the Web page (www.scip.ws) or from the secretary-treasurer, Michael N. Jones, Indiana University (jonesmn@indiana.edu). Students are welcome to join the society and participate in its meetings. The John Castellan award is given for the best student paper presented at the conference.

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