

Minutes of the HTAi Information Resources Interest Sub-Group (IRG) Annual General Meeting
Thursday May 12, 2016, 1 PM to 2:30 PM
Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo

Present

Dagmara Chojecki, IHE, Canada
Dharmesh R. Doshi, ECRI Institute, India
Ingrid Harboe (Chair), FHI, Norway
Jaana Isojärvi (Chair-Elect, minutes), Finohta, Finland
Jennifer Lege-Matsura, ECRI Institute, USA
Evelinda Trindade, InCor-HC/FMUSP, Brazil
Eric Wood, ?, USA

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The IRG was established in 1997 and has 200 members. Our focus is on presenting workshops at the HTAi Annual Meeting and engaging in special projects of interest. We generally communicate through the IRG email discussion group (ig-informationresources@htai.org).

2. Approval of 2015 Annual Business Meeting minutes

http://www.htai.org/fileadmin/HTAi_Files/ISG/InformationResourcesGroup/HTAi_2015_IRG_AGM_Minutes.pdf

The minutes of the 2015 IRG annual meeting in Oslo were approved.

3. Apologies

Catherine Voutier, Kathleen Harkin and David Kaunelis had sent their apologies.

4. Annual dinner

The annual dinner is arranged at the Sougo restaurant in Roppongi on May 12 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us.

5. Report from Chair / IRG activities

a. Pre-conference workshop

Pre-conference workshop was arranged on May 11. There were 19 attendants. Four evaluation forms were returned with positive feedback. It was noted that more live demonstrations were suggested for the future workshops.

b. HTAi ISG funding

The HTAi Secretariat has not yet approved the funding requests for 2016. The SuRe Info project was the only applicant. The Chair reminded the Secretariat of the matter on the Interest Group Steering

Committee/Chairs' Meeting in Tokyo Wednesday May 11. She reminded them of the funding for 2014 and 2015 not yet paid. The Secretariat is aware of this matter, which is due to budget cuts. The Secretariat will inform the Chairs regarding the approved funding's.

c. **IRG Newsletter**

The IRG Newsletter is sent quarterly to the mailing list. David Kaunelis, Catherine Voutier, Jaana Isojärvi and Dagmara Chojecki are in charge of the newsletter.

d. **SuRe Info**

Julie Glanville is the new project manager. She will lead the project together with Jaana Isojärvi.

The chapters still in progress will be finished as soon as possible.

Jaana Isojärvi gave a presentation on SuRe Info at the workshop and will present again today (May 12) at the Oral Session.

6. Objectives for the upcoming term

Remind the Secretariat of the name change from Information Resources Group to Information Retrieval Group. Follow up the work and activities discussed in the Interest Group Steering Committee. Plan the Pre-Meeting workshop and Annual Meeting in Rome June 17-21 2017.

7. Any other business

The name change to Information Retrieval Group received criticism. Information specialists do more than just run searches. It was noted that the term "information retrieval" is more describing of what the group members do.

New members who would like to sign up to the mailing list need to contact the HTAi Secretariat.

8. Closing of the meeting

The meeting closed at 2:30 PM.

The Minutes were taken by the Chair-Elect Jaana Isojärvi.