

ICTIR Steering Committee By-Laws

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The purpose of the Steering Committee (SC) of the ACM International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR) is to ensure that the ACM ICTIR conference is run successfully as a co-located event of the annual ACM SIGIR conference. Toward that end, it will (1) work with the SIGIR executive committee and the SIGIR conference general chairs each year so that the ICTIR conference is included in the SIGIR conference planning, (2) appoint the ICTIR program chairs, (3) approve any substantial changes in the ICTIR conference structure and operation, and (4) maintain its members to ensure that it serves the above functions effectively and efficiently.

The SC will be selected and maintained with the following criteria for its membership in mind:

- Active, ongoing involvement with IR research community, preferably with a focus on “formal” approaches
- Strong university representation
- International
- Experience with conference organization
- Involvement with previous ICTIRs

The SC will be determined by the following rules.

1. The SC will consist of no fewer than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) people.
2. One member of the SC will be selected by the SIGIR Executive Committee to serve as their representative, with the term at the discretion of the SIGIR Executive Committee.
3. One member of the SC will be selected by the BCS IRSG, to serve as their representative, with the term at the discretion of the BCS IRSG.
4. Other new SC members will be selected by the existing SC, with the approval of the SIGIR Executive Committee.
5. SC terms will run on a calendar year basis, starting January 1st. If an SC member is appointed after January 1st, it is assumed that their start of the term is January 1st of the same year.
6. A SC member other than the SIGIR and BCS IRSG representatives will be appointed for a three-year term.
7. A SC member may serve for no more than six years in a row.
8. If the SIGIR or BCS IRSG representative resigns, the corresponding organization will appoint a replacement.
9. If one of the other SC members resigns, a replacement may be appointed by the SC at any point. However, if the SC falls below the minimum number of members, the replacement must be

selected within one month.

10. The SC will choose a Chair from its members annually, with term starting January 1st. If the Chair resigns or steps down as Chair, a new Chair will be chosen within one month.

These by-laws may be modified by 2/3 majority of the Steering Committee and with approval by SIGIR, with the exception that Causes 2 and 3 cannot be changed except with agreement of the respective organization.