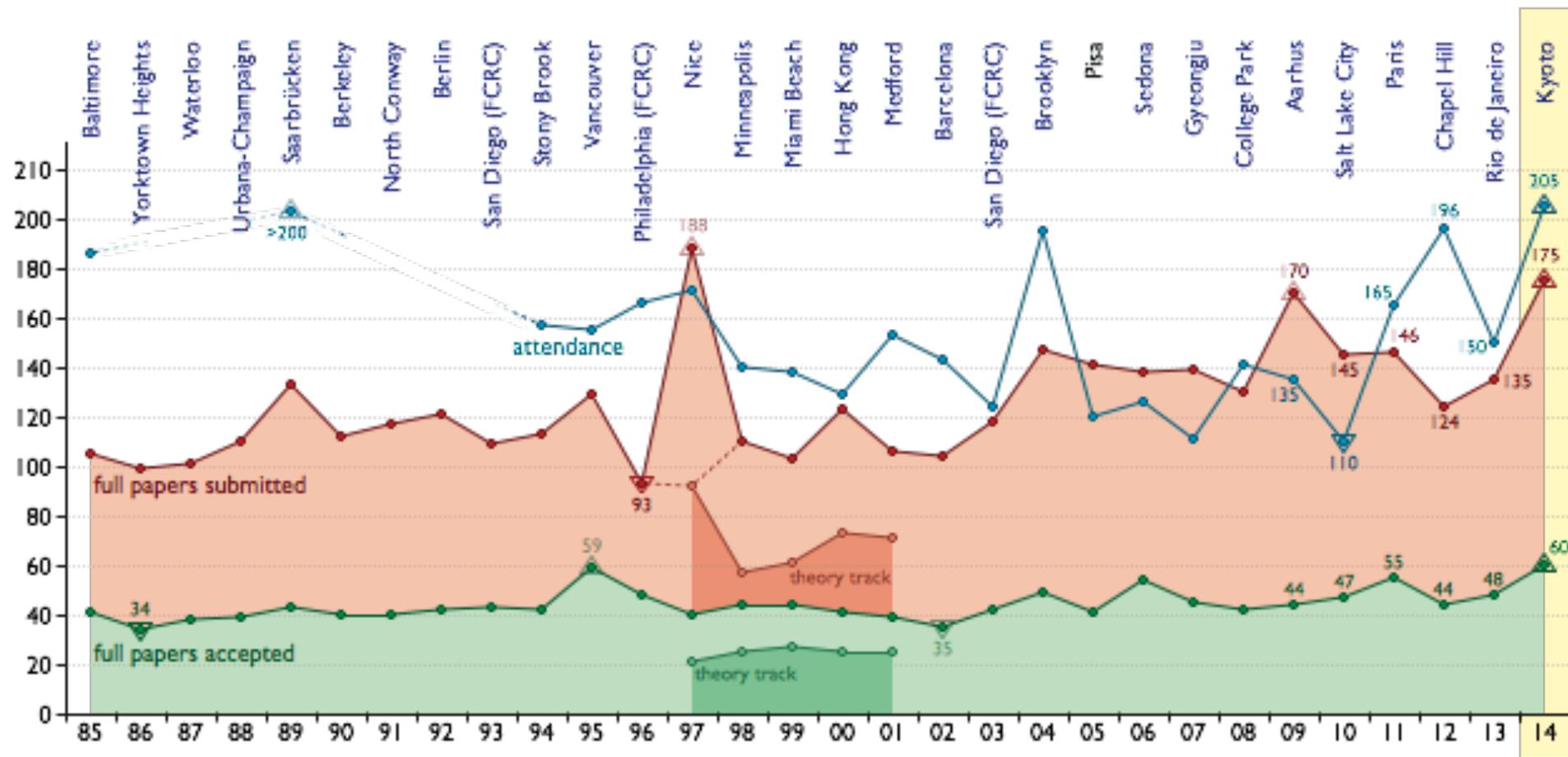


SoCG 2014 Business Meeting

Agenda

- Report from local organizers
- Report from PC chairs
 - Papers chairs
 - Video/MM chair
 - Workshops chair, YRF
- SoCG 2015 in Eindhoven
 - PC (papers): co-chairs Lars Arge and Janos Pach
 - Organizers: Marc van Kreveld, Bettina Speckmann
- Bids for SoCG 2016
- Announcements
- Discussion: SoCG and ACM, etc



- ▶ Record number of submissions: **175**
- ▶ Record number of accepted papers: **60**
- ▶ Record number of registrants: **205** (as of June 1)

CG Week 2014 workshop committee

- ▶ Pankaj Agarwal (Duke University)
 - ▶ David Avis (McGill University)
 - ▶ Sunil Arya (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
 - ▶ Benjamin Burton (University of Queensland)
 - ▶ Otfried Cheong (Korea Institute of Science and Technology)
 - ▶ Jeff Erickson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, chair)
 - ▶ Stefan Langerman (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
 - ▶ Jeff Phillips (University of Utah)
 - ▶ Ryuhei Uehara (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)
- ▶ 6 proposals submitted
 - ▶ 6 proposals accepted
 - One workshop reduced from 3 days to 2 days.

Travel Support

- ▶ \$20,000 from National Science Foundation

- ▶ Limited to students and postdocs at US institutions
- ▶ 14 applicants, each awarded $\min\{\text{request}, \$1500\}$
- ▶ Thanks to **Dimitry Maslov** at NSF.



- ▶ \$4500 from ACM SIGACT

- ▶ Limited to current students
- ▶ Only students outside US and East Asia considered
- ▶ 15 applicants altogether
- ▶ All 8 SOCG student authors awarded \$550
- ▶ Thanks to **Paul Beame** at SIGACT



- ▶ Additional funds from local organizers for East Asian students

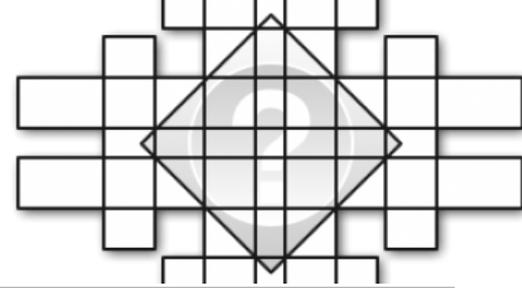
SOCG and ACM

ACM vote

- ▶ **Final** vote this summer on the future relationship of SOCG and ACM. Two options:
 - ▷ Continue our existing relationship with ACM, with the understanding that good-faith requests for in-cooperation status outside the US will be approved.
 - ▷ Leave ACM, and organize SoCG as an independent conference with proceedings published in LIPIcs and with financial backing provided through other means.
- ▶ We expect to close voting June 30 and announce results **July 1**.

Logistics

- ▶ Same protocol as 2013 steering committee election:
 - ▷ Votes will be collected by BallotBin. Each subscriber to the compgeom-announce mailing list will receive an email with a voting code and a link to the BallotBin site allowing them to vote.
 - ▷ **If you are interested in voting on this issue, please subscribe to compgeom-announce as soon as possible!**



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- ▶ Jeff's blog for discussion of issues related to the ongoing relationship between SOCG and ACM.
- ▶ **Please subscribe and comment.** Questions are welcome, both for the steering committee and for ACM/SIGACT. Longer guest posts are also welcome; the first guest post will appear soon.

Question 1

Would SoCG organizers outside the US always be allowed to use the “in cooperation” option, if so desired? Would organizers within the US be allowed to organize “in cooperation”, if so desired?

The Symposium on Computational Geometry has been sponsored by ACM for 29 years and it is with respect and pride that ACM expects to continue that sponsorship. **The leadership of ACM SIGACT and SIGGRAPH will consider and approve other status options based on the needs of the conference leadership as they have done a number of times in the past, including this year.**

Note that when SoCG has “in cooperation” status (the formal term rather than “in collaboration”), the SIGACT leadership has agreed that **SIGACT will cover any additional costs of proceedings production when compared with sponsored status through Sheridan printing**, the ACM preferred vendor. (Note that the costs of proceedings production are not paid to ACM.... Sheridan is one of several [options for proceedings production] for the committee to consider.)

Please see the full response at makingsocg.wordpress.com.

Question 2

ACM allocates a percentage (currently 13%) of the budget of any ACM symposium to the sponsoring SIGs. Thus, SOCG pays ACM a “fee”, which goes to SIGACT and SIGGRAPH. For some conferences part of this fee is reserved for future editions of the conference, to pay for speakers, awards, student travel, and the like. Would this also be possible for SoCG and, if so, would it be possible to put this into a formal agreement?

ACM assesses each of the SIGs an annual allocation based on total SIG spending including conference spending.... SIGs simply re-assess the respective part of this allocation to their conferences and pass this money on to ACM, so it is not available to be set aside for return.

However, if there is a conference surplus or deficit after this allocation has been made, that is the SIG's responsibility. **As with some of its other conferences, both SIGACT and SIGGRAPH have already agreed to return 50% of any conference surplus to SoCG through travel grants, awards, as well as other options such as invited speakers.** SIGACT and SIGGRAPH view this already as a formal agreement, and would be happy to discuss the procedures involved for SoCG to make use of this money.

Question 2, continued

[T]here was an unfortunate communication problem related to SoCG 2011 in Paris, as a result of which, at the time of official conference closing, there was money from the conference that could not be returned from INRIA.... **In the past year this money has been received by ACM and has been set aside within the SIGACT budget for the exclusive use of SoCG. The net result is that SIGACT and SIGGRAPH will have returned well more than any surplus to SoCG.** We realize that this has been an irritant with the SoCG community and are glad that it has now been resolved.

Over and above these two forms of returns to SoCG, **SIGACT made a direct grant of \$4500 to SoCG 2014 for student travel and awards, as it made similar grants to all of its sponsored conferences this year.** The availability of these funds was primarily the result of large surpluses for recent STOC conferences together with increasing returns to SIGACT from the ACM digital library.

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