

# Annual Report to IFIP TC 3

## WG 3.7 IT in Educational Management

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In March 2008 the working group agreed on minor changes in the „aims and scope“ of the group. The focus was slightly shifted to educational information systems, both for managerial tasks and school development as well as to a more empirical approach in our research.

Since the TC3 meeting in 2007 we have been busy with organizing the WG 3.7 conference *'The Evolution of ITEM'* in Australia, which took place from 20th to 25 July 2008 in Darwin (at Charles Darwin University).

The conference was very successful with about 3 1/2 days of paper presentations and discussion groups. There were two main categories of the paper presentations: information systems in / for higher education management and for K-12 schools. These two areas delivered a fruitful discussion among the participants. The Springer book will probably be sent to Springer early October this year. The date of publication will be in March 2009.

Like in all other conferences of our WG there were new participants from presenting new topics who hopeful will continue to participate in our WG.

An AGM was held during the conference: Both the vice-chairship of Andreas Breiter and continuation of the chairmanship of Adrie Visscher with a 2nd term (2008-2010) were confirmed.

The 2010 conference (25-29 July) will be held in Botswana and the plan is to have a joint conference for WG 3.4 (B. Thompson) and WG 3.7. These plans need to be further explored.

The 2012 conference (our tenth conference since 1994!) will be a German-Dutch conference organized by Andreas Breiter and Adrie Visscher.

Our participation in WCCE 2009 has also been discussed: we are planning to organize a panel in Brazil like we did in Stellenbosch, and to attract members from South America to our WG.

Overall, we are happy with how our WG is doing and we plan to expand membership especially to South America (during WCCE 2009) and the USA (as there are plenty of research activities, which are connected to our field).

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