The Technical Committee on Wearable Information Systems Returns to the West Coast

ISWC 2001 in Zurich, Switzerland—the first held in Europe—was very successful even in very difficult times. The International Symposium on Wearable Computers returns to the West Coast for its sixth edition in a series dating back to 1997. Due to the success and community building provided by the annual Symposium, the IEEE Computer Society approved the formation of the Technical Committee on Wearable Information Systems (TC WIS) in June 1999.

In addition to the International Symposium on Wearable Computers (ISWC), TC WIS also co-sponsors the International Workshop on Augmented Reality, the International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality (Darmstadt, Germany), and the International Conference on Multimodal Interfaces (Pittsburgh, PA).

The TC WIS helped to initiate the IEEE Computer Society’s *Pervasive Computing* magazine, which premiered this year. Besides several members on the editorial board, Thad Starner hosts a column on Wearable Technology in each issue. Steve Mann hosted and guest edited a special issue of *IEEE Intelligent Systems* in May/June 2001 entitled “Wearable Computing: Towards Humanistic Intelligence.”

The TC WIS is devoted to issues concerning the wearing of information-based technology on the human body. The TC is concerned with the characteristics of the technology that will be worn, the applications that are appropriate for use on the body, how people interact with wearable information systems, and the ergonomic impact of wearable systems. The TC recognizes that wearable information systems are inherently interdisciplinary and must be addressed in such a manner.

As an interdisciplinary activity, the TC overlaps to some degree with other TCs (Operating Systems, Computer Communications, Distributed Processing, Multimedia, and Security and Privacy) but TC WIS focuses on wearable information systems and the impact of this wearable technology on people.

We welcome you to become a member of the TC WIS. The TC Web site (http://iswc.gatech.edu) contains instructions on how to join the Technical Committee, information on upcoming Symposia and Workshops, and online copies of Proceedings and videos of talks at past symposia.

Please join the TC WIS business meeting associated with the symposium to help plan the future course of your technical community. Also, feel free to contact members of the TC organizing committee:

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