Thomas Risse Biography and Statement

Biography

Thomas Risse is head of Electronic Services at the University Library J. C. Senckenberg of the Goethe University Frankfurt. Before joining the University Library he was deputy managing director of the L3S Research Center and research group leader at L3S in Hannover, Germany. He received his diploma in Computer Science (1997) and his PhD in Computer Science (2006) from the Darmstadt University of Technology (TU Darmstadt), Germany. In 1998 he joined the Fraunhofer Institute for Integrated Publication System (FhG-IPSI) in Darmstadt where he worked in several European and industrial projects. From 2001-2006 he was the manager of the division for Intelligent Information Environments.

He was the coordinator or technical director of several European projects in the area of digital libraries and Web archives. He was also involved in the European research infrastructure project SoBigData on ethic-sensitive social mining. Thomas Risse serves regularly as program committee member or project reviewer. He published several papers at the relevant international conferences. In addition he is member of the Steering Committeeof theICDE conference (IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering), member of the Executive Committee of the IEEE Technical Committee on Data Engineering (TCDE), and member of the steering committee of the conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL). Thomas Risse was general co-chair of the 20th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries (TPDL 2016) and served as the local and financial chair of the 27th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE) in 2011 in Hannover.

Position statement

TCDE is a flagship international society for data management and database systems researchers and practitioners. If I get elected and have to honor to serve as the next TCDE Chair, I will continue the already well established collaboration between TCDE, ICDE Steering committee, VLDB Endowment and ACM SIGMOD to ensure that ICDE maintains its status as a top-tier international data management conference. In addition, the collaboration with other IEEE database related conference like BigData, ASONAM and MDM will be extended for the benefit of the community. I will work together with the TCDE executive committee to increase the visibility and to provide more benefits for TCDE members by increasing the number of local TCDE chapters and activities. In this context, I will work with the successful Data Engineering Bulletin editorial board on its evolution to keep it as a high value information source for all TCDE members. In order to give our members more recognition the TCDE awards will further promoted and developed. Since a healthy budget is important to ensure high quality conference and community activities, a stable income should be generated by increasing the number international high quality conferences.

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