2007 Activities and 2008 Planning

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Introduction

- The UNESCO Chair is an agreement between UNESCO and Universitat Rovira i Virgili (host institution), signed on March 6, 2007.
- It must do research, training and dissemination in a field considered relevant by UNESCO for the welfare of humankind (data privacy, art. 12, Declaration of Human Rights).
- It is not directly funded by UNESCO. Currently it is being funded by the Government of Catalonia.
- It has several associated participating institutions: CSIC, CBS, UNECE, IDESCAT, Sabanci-Istanbul, INSSE-Romania, NSI-Bulgaria, MITYC-Spain, (Destatis?, ISTAT?)
Chair specific objectives

- Co-organize targeted training courses on privacy preservation in official statistics, with a focus towards Eurasian transition countries (both technical and legal aspects to be covered).
- Organize annual workshops and professional conferences on privacy. Subsidize the attendance of delegates from transition countries.
- Offer doctoral education on data privacy and security at the host institution and at the participating institutions. Promote the enrolment of graduate students from transition countries.
- Be a reference in privacy research.
Plan of this presentation

1. Activities in 2007
2. Planned activities for 2008
3. Questions/answers
Activities in 2007

Activities since March 6, 2007 will be reported under the following headings:

- Training and invited talks
- Conference organization
- Conference travel grants
- Chair presentations
- Master and Ph. D. "landing" scholarships
- Press articles and releases
- Research
Activities in 2007

Training and invited talks

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Conference organization

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Conference travel grants (agreements)

Chair presentations

- Chair presentation at PDM 2007, Istanbul, Turkey, April 13, 2007.
- Chair presentation at Statistics Catalonia, Barcelona, Catalonia, July 12, 2007.
Activities in 2007

“Landing” scholarships for Master and Ph. D. students

- Cevahir Demirkiran (Turkey) to stay at UAB and URV (July-Sep. 2007).
- Marius Gheorghita (Romania) to come and install himself at URV (Nov. 2007).
Catalan press articles and releases

- "Big brother: realitat aviat?". Avui, Mar. 6, 2007.
- "Internet: mirall o finestra?". Avui, Apr. 9, 2007.
- "La URV promoverá un sistema para preservar la intimidad en Internet". Diari de Tarragona, July 6, 2007.
Activities in 2007

Research

- New project CONSOLIDER "ARES" (2007-2012), led by URV, on conciliation of privacy and security. Budget: 5.5 million Euro. Source: Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology.
- New project "E-AEGIS" (2007-2012), led by URV. Budget: 0.9 million Euro. Source: Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology.
- New ESSNET project (2008-2009), led by CBS. Budget: 0.2 million Euro. Source: Eurostat.
- 10 articles in ISI JCR journals produced in 2007 (URV group).
- 6 articles in LNCS journals in 2007 (URV group).
- 11 conference papers in 2007 (URV group).
- 1 Ph. D. thesis completed (URV group).
Activity planning for 2008

Planned activities for 2008

- Conference organization
- Conference travel grants
- Scheduled chair presentations and invited talks
- Master and Ph. D. "landing" scholarships
- New ISI JCR privacy journal
- Research
Conference organization

- **AAECC-18** (Tarragona, Catalonia, 2008).
Conference travel grants

Sponsoring agreed or foreseen so far:

- 1st Interdisciplinary on Mobility, Data Mining and Privacy, Rome, Italy, Feb. 2008.
- Grants to attend ESSNET training courses possible.
Chair presentations and invited talks

Scheduled so far:

- Chair presentation at the Union of Lawyers of Barcelona, Catalonia, Jan. 21, 2008.
Master and Ph. D. "landing" scholarships

Scheduled so far:

- Krishna Prasad (India) to come and install himself at URV (Dec. 2007/Jan. 2008).
- Roberto di Pietro (Italy) to install himself as a postdoc at URV
- Qianhong Wu (China) to install himself as a postdoc at URV
Activity planning for 2008

New ISI JCR privacy journal

- New journal on data privacy to be launched in 2008 under the umbrella of the Chair, published at CSIC
- Editors-in-Chief Vicenç Torra (CSIC) and Josep Domingo-Ferrer (URV)
- Editorial board to be announced.
- Three issues a year, starting in mid-2008.
- Goal: enter ISI Journal Citation Reports in late 2009.
Research

- Carry on with the CONSOLIDER "ARES" and E-AEGIS projects led by URV (both 2007-2012).
- Start work in the ESSNET project (2008-2009), led by CBS.
- Participate in an FP7 proposal on SDC under the leadership of CBS.
- Maintain a good rate of publications and completed Ph.D. theses.
Questions/answers?