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Dear SIGCHI and SIGART members,

This message is a follow up on our earlier message dated June 1, 2012 regarding the ACM International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI). IUI is an ACM conference sponsored jointly by our SIGs, and as such ACM is financially responsible for it and publishes its proceedings in the ACM Digital Library. It is attended by many of our members including ourselves.

At that time, we announced the creation of an Oversight Committee to address the alternative views that were being discussed with regards to the future governance of the conference. The Oversight Committee included Alain Chesnais, the ACM past-president, as chair and Henry Lieberman, Elisabeth Andre, and Nuria Oliver as representative members of the IUI community. The Oversight Committee has carefully considered alternative views and carried out discussions with many members of the community. We want to thank all of them for their valuable service to the community and their recommendations to ACM.

With this message, we are requesting proposals for a SIGCHI/SIGART Community to create a governance structure for the IUI conference series. We are adopting the framework for SIGCHI Communities that is already in place by allowing it to include groups that involve a SIG outside of SIGCHI. The details for what Communities are, as well as some examples of existing ones, can be found at <http://www.sigchi.org/communities>.

A proposal for an IUI Community needs to include a brief mission statement and name at least five SIGCHI/SIGART members as co-sponsors for the proposal. A successful proposal will need to demonstrate that it is representative of the broad IUI constituency and to include plans for an inclusive and open governance for the community and the conference series. In the absence of successful proposals, our SIGs will create a reasonable structure based on similarly formed communities that we determine to be suitable for IUI. Since the current web site only accepts proposals led by a SIGCHI member, please email us directly to submit a proposal led by a SIGART member. Please feel free to contact us with any questions at gerrit@acm.org and yolandagil@acm.org.

We are excited to see the 2013 IUI Conference being held this week in Santa Monica, California. IUI catalyzes a diverse group of researchers and practitioners at the intersection of user interaction and intelligent systems. The conference program and associated events reflect a truly vibrant community.

We look forward to working with the IUI community to ensure its continuing growth and success for future conference events.

With our best wishes,

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