

12th June 2025 Information Meeting

Attendees: Andreas Tolk, Anastasia Anagnostou, Cristina Ruiz Martin, Margaret Loper, Hessam Sarjoughian, Nav Mustafee, Bob Sargent, Steffen StraBburger, Jose Luis Guisado, Carole Garrison, Traecy Elize, Srikanth Youginath

- 1. Update on website <https://sigsim.acm.org>**

Please provide input to the webmaster. This is especially important for conference links. The information about the webmaster is on the webpage itself.
Andreas is regularly updating the news page.
- 2. Use of List server emails**

Andreas would like to continue using them. There are two lists, one populated by ACM and the other where people can subscribe.
Those lists are monitored/filtered by Andreas. He only approves emails related to SIGSIM.
If you want to publish something, please email Andreas first so he knows that the email being sent is related and of interest to SIGSIM members.
- 3. The updates of our conference activities**

PADS and WSC are our main conferences
PADS: We are in a bit of a challenge. Many people with a visa challenge, many people not staying at the conference hotel. We will not break even, and probably we will need to pay a penalty. Please, stay at the conference hotel.
WSC: We are back to pre-pandemic number submissions. Apply for a visa ASAP, as there is a long waiting time.
ANNSIM, SW, and IN4PL are our in-coop conferences.
We do not have financial interests, but SIGSIM members get special rates.
- DS-RT and MSWiM no longer affiliated with SIGSIM
We are supporting them with advertising, but we are no longer affiliated with them
- 4. PhD Best Paper eligibility at WSC: Invited Paper challenge.**

Invited Authors are using PhD students to submit the work, but we do not expect them to do this. Invited Papers are not eligible for the Best PhD Best Paper award. That's not fair to the audience nor for the PhD. We hope that this will not be the case in future years.
- 5. Travel Awards (lessons learned about Visas)**

If you give an award, ask the awardee to apply for Visas ASAP. For PADS only 6 out of the 10 awards could get a Visa.
- 6. ACM Open and its implications for our conferences**

If the corresponding author is affiliated with a university signed up with ACM Open, you do **not** have to pay the fees.
For 2026, the fees are 250\$ members, 350\$ non-members (for those who do not have a waiver). We expect that these fees will increase.
There is additional support for reduced fees over the next year, as well as for certain countries.
We need to make sure that our authors are aware of this.

The ACM Open is in full effect on PADS. For WSC, it will take place when we are the main conductors (first in 2029).

Question: How does WSC work? There are 4 institutions financially involved. They rotate the leadership. ACMSIGSIM is doing leadership this year. The next leadership will be in 2029. The ACM Open only fully applies when you are the main conductor.

7. **Update on the DEVS Student Award (and what I learned about awards)**

Zeigler donated the money associated with the Titan award for student awards. RTSYC provided funding for 5 years. Hessam will be the Chair. It will happen at WSC.

Andreas submitted the documentation to obtain this ACM SIGSIM award in March, but it is still pending approval. He now knows the process, and it is in the making. He hopes to get this in the award list soon.

8. **SIGSIM Elections 2026**

If you want to serve as the nomination chair, please reach out to Andreas. If you want to run for one of the roles, start preparing the documentation. Anastasia and Cristina are planning to run again. Andreas is not planning to run again.