

THE COMPUTING COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM: CATALYZING AND ENABLING COMPUTING RESEARCH

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SOME MOTIVATING QUESTIONS

- How do we energize the community around “big ideas” that will create excitement and energy for computing and computational research?
- How do we shape and articulate the relevance of computing research to national priorities?
- How do we communicate these ideas, as a community, to science policy and funding leadership?



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THE COMPUTING COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM

- Established in 2006 as a standing committee of the Computing Research Association
- Funded by NSF under a Cooperative Agreement
 - Second Award began in 2012, Site Visit completed in 2014
- Facilitates the development of a bold, multi-themed vision for computing research – and communicates this vision to stakeholders
- Led by a broad-based Council
- Staffed by CRA



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THE CCC COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



- Greg Hager, Johns Hopkins Univ. (Chair)
- Beth Mynatt, Georgia Tech (Vice Chair)
- Susan Graham, UC Berkeley (Past Chair)
- Bob Sproull, formerly Sun Labs, Oracle
- Liz Bradley, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Mark Hill, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Ann Drobnis, Director
- Andy Bernat, CRA Executive Director



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THE CCC COUNCIL

Terms ending June 2017

- Lorenzo Alvisi, UT Austin
- Vasant Honavar, Penn State
- Jennifer Rexford, Princeton
- Debra Richardson, UC Irvine
- Klara Nahrstedt, UIUC
- Ben Zorn, Microsoft Research

Terms ending June 2016

- Randy Bryant, CMU**
- Limor Fix, formerly Intel
- Tal Rabin, IBM
- Daniela Rus, MIT
- Ross Whitaker, Univ. Utah

Terms ending June 2015

- Sue Davidson, Univ. Pennsylvania
- Joe Evans, Univ. Kansas
- Ran Libeskind-Hadas, Harvey Mudd College
- Shashi Shekhar, Univ. Minnesota

** 1 year leave



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OUR MISSION

The **mission** of Computing Research Association's Computing Community Consortium (CCC) is to:

catalyze the computing research community and
enable the pursuit of innovative, high-impact research.

CCC conducts activities that

strengthen the research community,
articulate compelling **research visions**, and
align those visions with pressing **national and global challenges**.

CCC **communicates** the importance of those visions to **policymakers**,
government and **industry stakeholders**, the **public**, and the **research community** itself.



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OUR MISSION

- Catalyze and communicate the excitement of computing research
- Align and articulate our contributions to other fields and to national priorities
- Groom future leadership to help shape science policy



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HOW DO WE DO IT?

Community-initiated visioning:

- Workshops to discuss “out-of-the-box” ideas
- Blue Sky Ideas tracks at conferences

Outreach to White House, funding agencies:

- Outputs of visioning activities
- Short reports to inform policy makers
- Task Forces – Health IT, Computing in the Physical World, Manufacturing, Big Data, Industry, High Performance Computing, Education



Communicating CS Research:

- CCC Blog [<http://cccblog.org/>]
- Computing Research in Action Video Series
- Research “Highlight of the Week”
- “The Impact of NITRD” symposium

Nurturing the next generation of leaders:

- Computing Innovation Fellows Project
- Leadership in Science Policy Institute
- Postdoc Best Practices Program



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WHAT DISTINGUISHES CCC?

Proactive, rapid response

- Identify, plan, and execute in a matter of weeks to months

Community-based

- Find and foster ideas from germination to fruition and beyond

Leadership incubator

- Everyone is expected to do something!



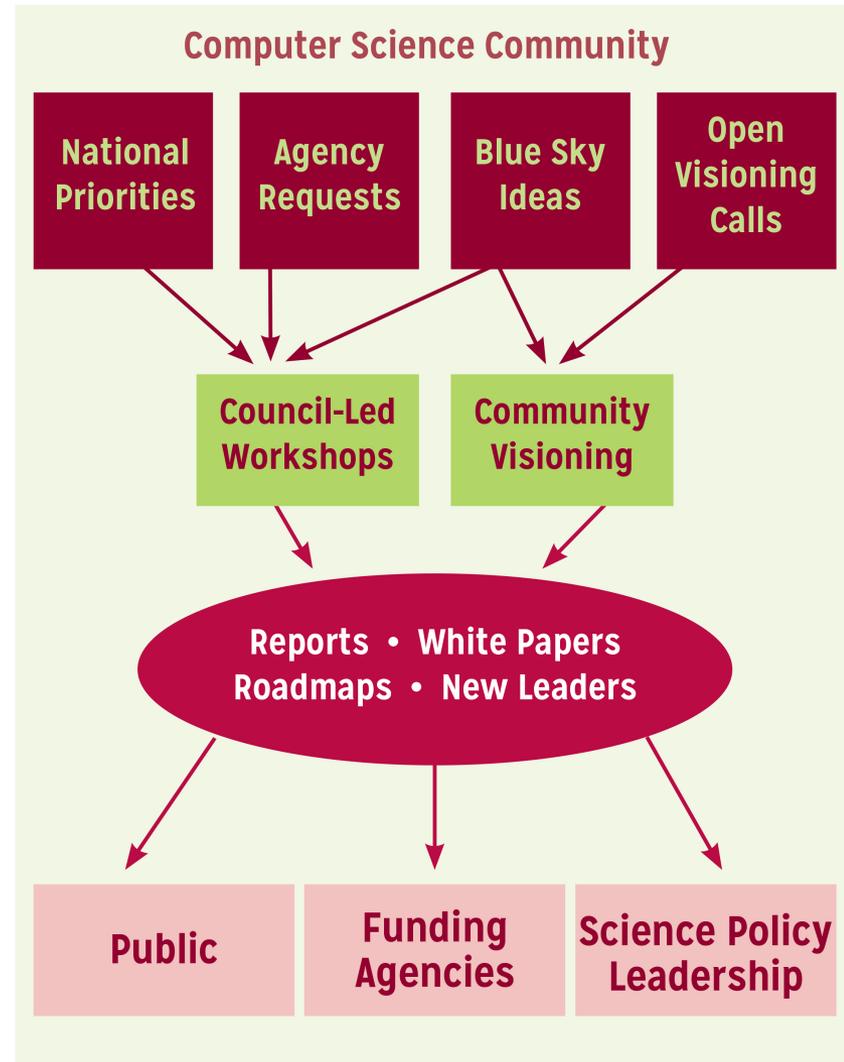
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VISIONING GOALS

Communicate the role of CS research to stakeholders

Develop leadership capacity to help shape science policy



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VISIONING PROCESSES

- Periodic RFP for Community Initiated Activities
- Historically 3-7 workshops per year
- Top-down (agency initiated)
- Bottom-up (open call)
- Sideways (council initiated, joint with other agencies,)



Robotics



Spatial
Computing



Online
Education



Privacy R&D



Uncertainty in
Computation



VISIONING ACTIVITIES

2012

- From GPS and Virtual Globes to Spatial Computing – 2020
- Computing and Healthcare: New Opportunities and Directions

2013

- Convergence of Software Assurance Methodologies and Trustworthy Semiconductor Design and Manufacture (SA+TS)
- Multidisciplinary Research for Online Education
- Privacy R&D Workshop (with ITIF)
- Extreme Scale Design Automation 2 (with ACM)
- Visions of Theory of Computing (with Simons Institute)
- Robotics, Automation, and Computer Science (with NSF, OSTP)

2014

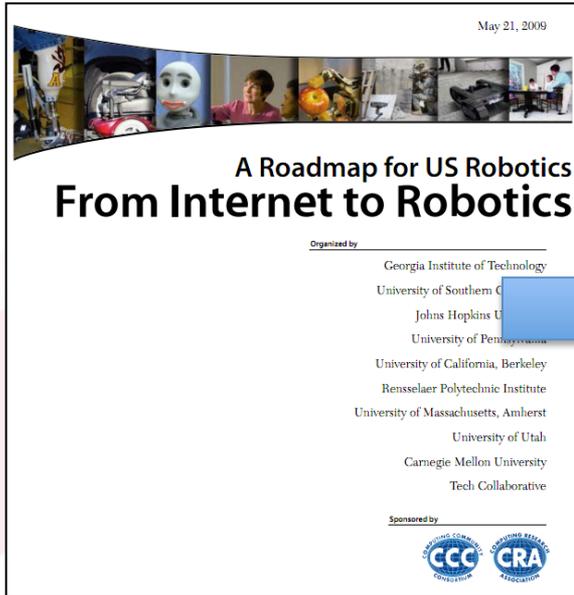
- Extreme Scale Design Automation 3 (with ACM)
- Computing Visions 2025: Interacting with the Computers All Around Us (with CISE)
- Computing Visions 2025: The New Making Renaissance: Programmable Matter and Things (with CISE)
- Human Computation
- Aging in Place
- Uncertainty in Computation
- BRAIN



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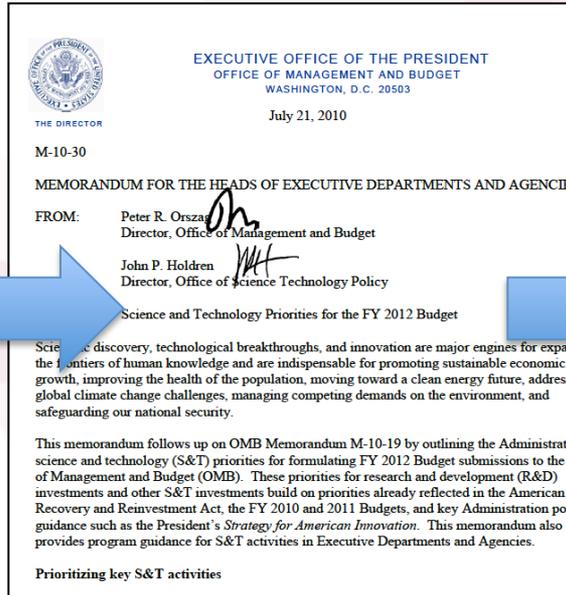
CATALYZING AND ENABLING: ROBOTICS



4 meetings during summer 2008

Roadmap published May 2009

Extensive discussions between visioning leaders & agencies



OSTP issues directive to all agencies in summer 2010 to include robotics in FY 12 budgets

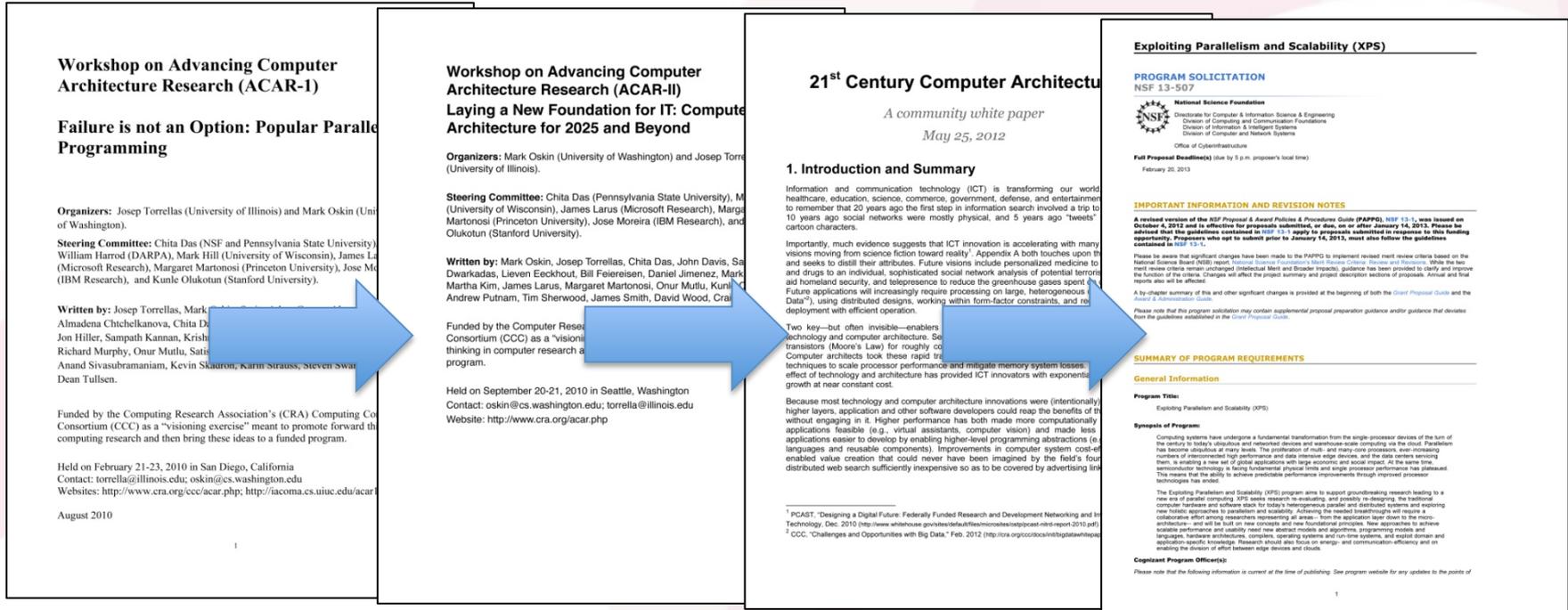
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National Robotics Initiative announced in summer 2011



CATALYZING AND ENABLING: ARCHITECTURE



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UIUC



Mark Oskin
Washington



Mark Hill
Wisconsin

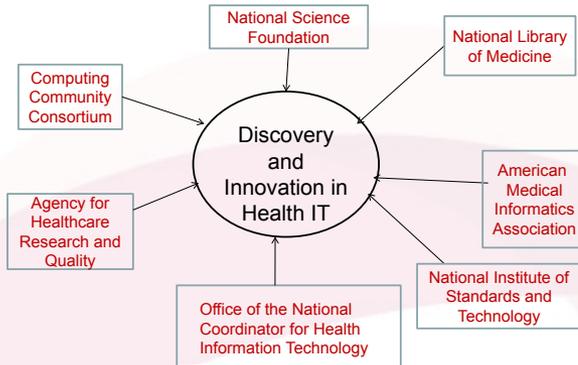


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CATALYZING AND ENABLING: HEALTH IT

October 2009 Workshop



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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

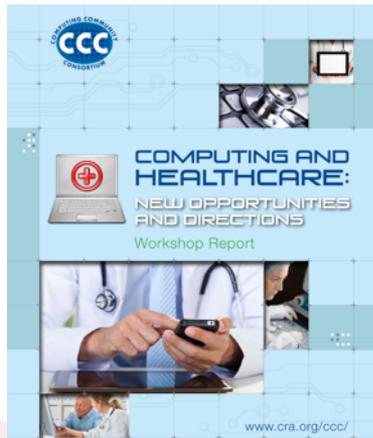
Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering

SMART HEALTH AND WELLBEING (SHW)

CONTACTS

See program guidelines for contact information.

SYNOPSIS



Smart and Connected Health (SCH)

PROGRAM SOLICITATION

NSF 13-543

REPLACES DOCUMENT(S):

NSF 12-512



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Division of Information & Intelligent Systems

Directorate for Engineering

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National Institutes of Health

October 2012 Workshop



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COMPUTING VISIONS 2025

- Joint Venture of NSF CISE Advisory Committee and CCC
- Articulate future trends and opportunities in computing research. Envision evolution and growth over the next 10 to 15 years.
- 3 Initial Workshops:
 - **Interacting with the Computers All Around Us**
 - Look at how technology could change how computers interface with people and the world around them.
 - **The New Making Renaissance: Programmable Matter & Things**
 - Explore the way items are designed, programmed, manufactured, and delivered/deployed.
 - **Summarizing roundtable(forthcoming)**
 - Discuss emerging themes from prior workshops and deliver a summarizing report.
- Panel session at Snowbird 2014



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BLUE SKY IDEAS CONFERENCE TRACKS

- Special “Blue Sky Ideas” tracks at leading conferences
 - Reach beyond usual papers
- CCC provides prize money for top 3 papers
 - Papers should be:
 - open-ended
 - “outrageous” or “wacky”
 - Present new problems, new application domains or new methodologies
 - Relatively short (4-6 pages)
 - Published after the conference



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DETAILS

- Conference Organizers write a proposal, indicating how papers will be solicited and reviewed
- Blue Sky Chair and Director read proposals and determine viability
- Once Track is approved, a CCC liaison is assigned
- BS Chair or liaison may attend the Conference to present information about the CCC and the awards



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BLUE SKY IDEAS CONFERENCE TRACKS

- BuildSys 2012
- Computational Sustainability Track @ AAI 2013
- Computational Sustainability Award @ CHI 2013
- Robotics: Science and Systems 2013
- Conference on Innovation Data Systems Research (CIDR-2013)
- Autonomous Agents and MultiAgent Systems (AAMAS-2014)
- Foundations of Software Engineering 2014
- Upcoming:
 - Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence 2015
 - SIGSPATIAL 2015



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LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE POLICY INSTITUTE

To educate a cadre of computing researchers on how science policy in the U.S. is formulated and how our government works

November, 2011

- 34 attendees
- 7 women
- 19 received financial aid
- 24 institutions represented
- 23 participants from public institutions, 7 from private, 4 from industry



April, 2013

- 53 attendees
- 12 women
- 6 received financial aid
- 47 institutions represented
- 40 participants from public institutions, 12 from private, 1 from industry



Next LISPI: April, 2015



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