SACLA 2015 Chair's Report: 3rd July 2015

The SACLA 2015 conference was a pleasure to host.

55 academic papers were received for consideration. 27 papers were accepted for inclusion in the proceedings after the required changes were made. This amounts to a 49% acceptance rate of contributed papers. We thank paper authors and presenters for SACLA 2015 programme

A total of 61 academics from 14 local and international institutions constituted the programme committee and reviewed papers for the conference. Wits Information Systems wishes to thank our generous reviewers for their time and efforts in this regard.

The organising committee managed the finances very well and have retained the R30000 seed money for SACLA 2016, hosted by University of Pretoria. It was not required to use the SACLA reserve fund.

The HOD Colloquium was again a success and will become a permanent fixture at SACLA conferences.

2015 saw the first SACLA Executive Committee meeting where constitutional changes were proposed in order to provide 1) more structure to the SACLA Executive 2) greater control over finances, and 3) updating the constitution to remove references to dated organisations. The SACLA Executive Committee meeting will be a permanent fixture at future SACLA conferences.

Hosts of the SACLA conference in 2016 will be University of Pretoria, and in 2017 will be North-West University. The SACLA Executive is keen to secure hosts for 2018 urgently to avoid the short time frames within which the 2014 and 2015 conferences have had to be organised.

I would like to thank our sponsors; Microsoft, SAP University Alliances, Oracle, KPMG, Deloitte, AOS, and the Wits School of Economic and Business Sciences for their generous support.

Finally, I would like to thank Suzanne Sackstein, our organising chair, for all her efforts in securing sponsorship funding and making the arrangements for the conference and workshop venues, accommodation, catering, social events, transport and the time spent liaising with so many different organisations and internal departments to ensure the smooth running of the conference and the experience and enjoyment of our delegates. I would also like to thank my programme committee co-chairs, Jason Cohen and Judy Backhouse for their efforts in securing reviewers and putting together the programme tracks, and in particular Jason Cohen for the time spent preparing the conference proceedings. Thanks also to Thomas Grace, our webmaster, and to Mitchell Hughes and Tom for setting up the mobile app.

For reference and transparency, this chair's report, the SACLA 2015 financial report and the minutes of the 2015 AGM will be placed on the official SACLA website. All photos taken during the conference will be uploaded to the SACLA 2015 website.

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