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First German Researcher Accepted into Computer-Human Interaction Academy

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Potsdam. Potsdam computer science professor Patrick Baudisch (Hasso Plattner Institute, HPI) is the first German researcher to be accepted into the Computer-Human Interaction Academy of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). The ACM (www.acm.org) is the world's largest scientific society for computer science. Baudisch will be admitted into the CHI Academy on April 27th at a conference in Paris. He is one of the two people responsible for the contents of the conference program.

Besides the Lifetime Achievement Award, acceptance into the CHI Academy is the highest honor given to experts in the field of human-machine interaction. Among the members of the CHI Academy are such well-known international specialists as Doug Engelbart, the key pioneer in the development of personal computers, and Bill Buxton, one of the leading researchers at Microsoft Research.

"We are delighted that with Patrick Baudisch another researcher who has made substantial contributions to the field of interaction between humans and computers has been admitted into the CHI Academy", HPI director Prof. Christoph Meinel said. With his work, Baudisch has shaped this sub-discipline of computer science and earned a place among the leading researchers in the field.

Saul Greenberg, chairman of the eight-member board of scientists who determine admission to the CHI Academy, and computer science professor at the University of Calgary (Canada), expressed his appreciation to Patrick Baudisch for his work, offering heartfelt congratulations to him on his election to the CHI Academy. The "significant but highly-deserved honor" bestowed on Patrick Baudisch recognizes "the huge, steady and influential contributions he has made to the HCI field over his career."

Criteria points for election to the CHI Academy are: cumulative contributions to the field, an impact on the field through the development of new research directions and/or innovations, as well as an influence on the scientific work of others.

Profile of Hasso Plattner Institute

The Hasso Plattner Institute for Software Systems Engineering GmbH (HPI) in Potsdam is Germany's university excellence center for IT Systems Engineering. It is the only university institution in Germany offering bachelor and master programs in "IT Systems Engineering" – a practical and engineering-oriented course of studies in computer science, in which currently 450 students are enrolled. The HPI School of Design Thinking is Europe's first innovation school and is based on the Stanford model of the d.school. It offers 240 places for a supplementary study per year. There are a total of ten HPI professors and over 50 guest professors, lecturers and contract teachers at the Institute. HPI carries out research noted for its standard of excellence in its nine topic areas, as well as in the HPI Research School for PhD candidates, with its further research branches in Cape Town, Haifa and Nanjing. HPI teaching and research focuses on the foundation and application of large-scale, highly complex and interconnected IT systems. The development and exploration of user-driven innovations for all areas of life is an additional area of importance. HPI always earns the highest positions in the CHE university ranking. Since September, HPI has provided an interactive Internet learning platform - openhpi.de. Its free, open online courses are available to everyone.

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