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Two Studies Rank LSU's Rudy Hirschheim Internationally at the Top of His Field

Two recent international studies name Rudolf "Rudy" Hirschheim, Ourso Family Distinguished Professor of Information Systems in LSU's E. J. Ourso College of Business, as one of the top researchers in the world for his field.

Hirschheim, who holds a joint appointment with the LSU Center for Computation & Technology, or CCT, was ranked third internationally in a recent paper by Lin and Gregor, which ranked the productivity of information systems researchers from around the world using the top six journals in the field.

Another recent publication by Truex et. al. used the Hirsch family of indices to evaluate 'researcher influence' and ranked Hirschheim among the top 10 to 15 researchers in the world for this field. The Hirsch indices are a set of metrics that go beyond number of publications and look at other factors to determine researcher influence. Worldwide, there are more than 4,000 information systems researchers who are considered for these rankings.

"I was both surprised and honored to find out I was ranked so highly among my peers in these two international studies," Hirschheim said. "I am excited about the potential impact these rankings will have on my future work and grant opportunities, and am proud to contribute to LSU's reputation as a world-renowned leader among top research universities."

Hirschheim has been at LSU since 2003. He received his doctoral degree from the University of London and taught at the London School of Economics and the University of Oxford. His research interests include outsourcing, systems development and governance of IT systems. He teaches graduate courses in the E. J. Ourso College of Business and is the Ph.D. program adviser in the Department of Information Systems & Decision Sciences. He also is a member of Capital Gains, a local cover band comprised of faculty from the business college.

"Rudy Hirschheim is the best of the best," said Eli Jones, dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business. "His research is rigorous and relevant, and we in the E. J. Ourso College of Business are proud to have Professor Hirschheim as a colleague. He is not only a great scholar; he's a pretty good musician!"

Other organizations within the information sciences field have previously honored Hirschheim for his contributions. In 2007, he was named a Fellow of the Association for Information Systems, an honor shared by only 30 others in the world. He also received an honorary doctorate from the University of Oulu in Finland in 2006. At LSU, he was named among the Office of Research and Economic Development's faculty Rainmakers in 2008 and 2009.

"Rudy is a very dynamic researcher who is deeply interested in how businesses adopt or don't adopt specific technologies to solve real-world problems. He is an exceptional mentor to his students and a great contributor to the center," said Stephen David Beck, CCT Interim Director. "I am so pleased to see him recognized among the world's top information systems researchers, and congratulate him on this well-deserved accomplishment."

Lectures this Week:

- *TUESDAY* – Ivica Ico Bukvic, Virginia Tech, Assistant Professor, Music Department, presents "Welcome to Collaborative Think-Tanks: Fraternizing with an Enemy Never Looked so Good." The lecture will take place Tuesday, April 27, at 11:30 a.m. in Fred C. Frey Computing Services Center Room 307. Bukvic is an AVATAR music faculty candidate.
- *THURSDAY* -- The CCT Colloquium Series presents "Spiraling into Decline: A Diachronic Study of an Enterprise Systems Project," by Mike Newman, professor at University of Manchester. The lecture will take place Thursday, April 29, at 1 p.m. in Johnston Hall Room 338.
- *FRIDAY* – The AVATAR Lecture Series presents "Beyond Digital Cinema: Globally Shared Visualization and Virtual Reality," by Tom DeFanti, University of California, San Diego. The lecture will take place Friday, April 30, at 1 p.m. in Johnston Hall Room 338.

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- The SC10 George Michael Memorial HPC Fellowship Program, which honors exceptional Ph.D. students throughout the world with the focus areas of high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis, is accepting applications through **THIS SATURDAY, May 1**. Applicants must be enrolled in full-time Ph.D. programs at accredited colleges or universities, and they should have completed at

least one year of study in their doctoral programs at the time of their nominations. Students must have letters of recommendation by a full-time faculty member at a Ph.D. granting institution. Details are available at:

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- Early bird Registration and housing is now available for [SIGGRAPH 2010](#), the premier conference on computer graphics and interactive techniques. [Register now](#) for five days of education, exploration, and inspiration at [SIGGRAPH 2010](#) in Los Angeles, July 25-29 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.
- Applications for Student Volunteers for [SC10](#) are now being accepted. The deadline to apply is Sunday, Aug. 27. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply as volunteers to help with the administration of the conference. In exchange, students will receive complimentary conference registration, housing (for out-of-town volunteers) and some meals. Volunteers will be expected to be available for a total of 4-5 hours of work per day during the week of the conference, which will take place Nov. 13-19 in New Orleans. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance by Sept. 30. If you have any questions please e-mail student-vols@info.supercomputing.org.
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Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

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