IFIP TC13 Pioneer in Human-Computer Interaction Awards 2025

The International Federation for Information Processing Technical Committee on Human–Computer Interaction (IFIP TC13) has the honour to announce the 2025 awardees of the prestigious IFIP TC13 Pioneer in Human-Computer Interaction title. IFIP TC13 appoints pioneers to honour the greatest contributors to the development and growth of the field of human-computer interaction (HCI).

An IFIP TC13 Pioneer is someone who, through active participation in IFIP Technical Committees or related IFIP groups, has made outstanding contributions to the educational, theoretical, technical, commercial, or professional aspects of analysis, design, construction, evaluation and use of interactive systems. The criteria for the award include IFIP involvement through IFIP TC13, TC13 Working Groups (WGs) or in the organization of the INTERACT conference, multiple publications at INTERACT, a significant research contribution (possibly with specific/new application domains), or being a HCI pioneer in the original meaning of the word, either in the area of HCI or in a local area (region or country) in the world.

The Awards Committee that considered the nominations for the 2025 IFIP TC13 Pioneer Awards comprised Jan Gulliksen (Sweden, Past Pioneer, Committee Chair), Zhengjie Liu (China, Past Pioneer), Mark Apperley (New Zealand, Past Pioneer), Cesar Alberto Collazos (Columbia, TC13 Member), Carmelo Ardito (Italy, TC13 Member), Paula Kotzé (South Africa, Past Pioneer).

The Awards Committee unanimously decided to honour six candidates with the 2025 IFIP TC13 Pioneer Award (in alphabetical order):

- Regina Bernhaupt (Netherlands).
- Maria Francesca Costabile (Italy)
- Tom Gross (Germany)
- David Lamas (Estonia)
- Virpi Roto (Finland)
- Jean Vanderdonckt (Belgium).

IFIP TC13 congratulates the 2025 Pioneer Award winners for their fine work and pioneering achievements!

Past IFIP TC13 Pioneer Awardees

- 2010: Brian Shackel (United Kingdom) and Liam Bannon (Ireland).
- 2013: Joëlle Coutaz (France), John Karat (USA), Gitte Lindgaard (Canada and Australia), Zhengjie Liu (China) and Gerrit van der Veer (Netherlands).
- 2014: Paula Kotzé (South Africa), Fabio Paternó (Italy) and Clarisse Sieckenius de Souza (Brazil).
- 2015: Julio Abascal (Spain), Philippe Palanque (France) and Annelise Mark Pejtersen (Denmark).
- 2016: Jan Gulliksen (Sweden), Alistair Sutcliffe (United Kingdom) and Susanne Bødker (Denmark).
- 2019: Anirudha Joshi (India), Geraldine Fitzpatrick (Austria, Australia), Helen Petrie (United Kingdom, Australia), Masaaki Korusu (Japan) and Simone Diniz Junqueira Barbosa (Brazil).
- 2020/2021: Marco Winckler (France), Peter Forbrig (Germany), Ann Blandford (United Kingdom), John M. Carroll (USA), Manfred Tscheligi (Austria), Monique Noirhomme-Fraiture (Belgium).
- 2023: Gilbert Cockton (United Kingdom), Marta Lárusdóttir (Iceland), Mark Apperley (New Zealand), Janet Wesson (South Africa), Torkil Clemmensen (Denmark).

About IFIP Technical Committee 13 (IFIP TC13) on Human-Computer Interaction

Established in 1989, IFIP TC13 is an international committee of over 34 IFIP Member national societies and 11 Working Groups, representing specialists in human factors, ergonomics, cognitive science, computer science, design, and related disciplines. IFIP TC13 focuses on the field of human–computer interaction (HCI), an interdisciplinary area of the study and research that centres on the analysis, design, development, implementation, evaluation, application, and the study of use of human-centred interactive computational systems, devices and objects. The field revolves around the interaction between living beings (users) and computational systems, devices and objects and the use thereof, or such systems, devices and objects as facilitators for social human–human interaction. It also involves understanding the societal and social consequences of digitalisation.

INTERACT is the flagship conference organized by the IFIP TC13. The next INTERACT Conference (INTERACT 2025 – https://interact2025.org/) will take place in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, from 8 to 12 September 2025.

For more detail, see: http://ifip-tc13.org/

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