

Deborah Hurley, Harvard University (USA), presented a keynote lecture entitled "A Whole World in One Glance: Individual and Community in the Digital Age." She described the development of the ubiquitous computing environment in which computing devices will be everywhere – our workplaces, our clothing, and even in our bodies. Hurley explained that this future development, involving convergence of various technologies, raises important ethical questions about privacy, identity, anonymity, freedom, security and access.

Helen Nissenbaum, Princeton University (USA), delivered a keynote address entitled "Can Trust Be Secured Online?" In her talk, Nissenbaum evaluated the idea that trust online could be generated via a toolkit of security mechanisms. Drawing on important insights of philosophers, social scientists and social theorists in general, she argued that a highly secured online world would be conducive neither to trust or trustworthiness.

Andrew Freenberg, San Diego State University (USA), presented a keynote entitled "Involving the Virtual." Freenberg's talk examined ethical challenges of doing research on the Internet. He focused in particular on the difficulties of obtaining informed consent from subjects when studying online behavior. On the one hand, the Internet creates opportunities for increased contact and ongoing consent, but at the same time, this creates ambiguities in what is appropriate for consent.

Lively discussions followed each of the keynotes, as well as each of the papers presented, as conference participants engaged speakers during the question and answer periods. For more information about the specific titles and authors of the various conference papers, see the CEPE 2000 Web site: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~phil/events/CEPE2000.html>. Several of the conference presentations were videotaped by Larry Hinman (University of San Diego, USA) and are currently available online at: <http://ethics.acusd.edu/video/cepe2000/>. Selected CEPE 2000 papers will be published in future issues of *Ethics and Information Technology* and *Computers and Society*, which will be guest edited by CEPE 2000 Conference Co-Chairs Deborah Johnson, James Moor, and Herman Tavani.

Plans are currently underway for the fourth CEPE conference, which will be held in Europe in late 2001 or early 2002. The specific venue and dates for the next CEPE conference will be announced in this column in a future issue of *Ethics and Information Technology*.

A New Association: The International Society for Ethics and Information Technology

At an optional, though very well attended, meeting that immediately preceded the formal opening of the CEPE 2000 Conference, plans for establishing a new computer ethics association were discussed. The idea for such an association was conceived at the previous CEPE conference (CEPE98) in London, December 1998. During the eighteen months that transpired between CEPE98 and CEPE 2000, an informal exploratory committee, led by Deborah Johnson, considered ways in which such the new association might be formed. Initially, interested individuals communicated informally by email. Then, Deborah Johnson organized participants into four subcommittees: Mission and Identity, Membership, Bylaws, and Incorporation. Subcommittee chairs were appointed by Deborah and each chair submitted an interim report to her in May 2000. Deborah then compiled the subcommittee reports into a document that she distributed in electronic form prior to the CEPE 2000 Conference and also made available in hardcopy for conference participants attending the organizational meeting at Dartmouth.

A resolution was passed by those present at the meeting to form a new association to be called the *International Society for Ethics and Information Technology (INSEIT)*. An interim executive committee was formed, constituted in part by the chairs of the various subcommittees. Current committee members include: Deborah Johnson (Chair), Philip Brey (The Netherlands), Wynship Hillier (USA), Helen Nissenbaum (USA), Richard Rosenberg (Canada), Richard Spinello (USA), Herman Tavani (USA), and Syun Tutiya (Japan). This interim committee is currently in the process of setting up a nominating committee to solicit nominations for officers for the new association. An INSEIT Web site is forthcoming and will be announced in a future issue of *Ethics and Information Technology*.

Research Positions and Opportunities at Australia's Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics

Research positions and PhD scholarships in Computer Ethics are available at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE). Funded under the Australian Research Council's Special Research Centre scheme, CAPPE is located at Charles Sturt University in Canberra and at the University of Melbourne.

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