SIGOPS Annual Report 2006

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Overview
SIGOPS was found viable by the ACM SIG Governing Board on August 2005. The next review will be in four years.


Awards
At PODC, the annual Edsger W. Dijkstra Prize was given to Marshal Pease, Robert Shostak, and Leslie Lamport for "Reaching agreement in the presence of faults", Journal of the Association of Computing Machinery, April, 1980, 27(1):228-234. Quoting from the award statement, "This short and beautiful paper provided the first fault-tolerant algorithms for the problem that, following later work by the same authors, became known as Byzantine agreement ... (that) quickly became one of the most widely studied problems in distributing computing, with applications throughout the field of computer science."


Events
The very active European SIGOPS chapter held their first conference, EuroSys, in Leuven, Belgium in April 2006. It was a very successful conference, with an international program on topics ranging from traditional topics such as device drivers to newly important areas such as forensics. They also held a workshop aimed at helping researchers to write effective systems papers.
Acknowledgements

Jeanna Matthews has taken over at the helm of SIGOPS Operating Systems Review. She has changed the format considerably, with a stronger emphasis on special topics with guest editors.

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