



Call for Papers

**In Honour of
Brian Shackel
1927–2007
A Call for Celebration
(as well as for Papers)**

In the beginning, there was Brian Shackel. Was that beginning his early paper in *Ergonomics* (1959) that modestly described a technique for evaluating interactions between computers and humans? Or was it the founding 10 years later of the HUSAT Research Centre at Loughborough, to become the largest HCI research firm and consultancy in Europe? Or was it when he was the Foundation Chair of the IFIP Technical Committee 13 (IFIP TC 13), Human-Computer Interaction?

Whatever, it was sufficient for IFIP TC 13 to honour him by naming its award for the best paper at its semi-annual INTERACT conferences the “Brian Shackel Award”. And, it is more than sufficient to prompt *Interacting with Computers* (*IwC*) to highlight his work by publishing a special issue in his honour.

This is a call for the celebration that will be that special issue. As the flagship publication in the UK and in Europe for the discipline, *IwC* invites proposals for an unusual journal number. That issue, to be published early in 2008, will include several of Professor Shackel’s seminal papers. More than a “Shackel reader”, however, it also will feature commentaries about the technical and social significance of each of these papers – at the time of publication and in the light of history.

This message is a dual call.

First, the General Editorial and Management Board (GEMB) invite everyone in the discipline to nominate their favoured Brian Shackel papers for consideration. The journal’s GEMB and its three Special Editorial Boards will rank the nominations, selecting about six for republication (rights permitting). All nominations should include full bibliographic details.

Secondly, the GEMB invites prominent researchers and practitioners in the discipline to self-nominate as “Special Paper Editors”. They will be responsible for soliciting, vetting and organising the brief commentaries about each of Professor Shackel’s papers. The commentaries plus Special Editors’ Introductions will be published alongside the referenced papers.

Paper nominations and special paper editor self-nominations should be sent to *IwC* special issue co-editor Donald Day (donald_l_day@bellsouth.net, the middle character is a lower-case letter “L”). The deadline for paper nominations and special paper statements is December 1, 2007.

Dianne Murray,
Gitte Lindgaard,
Donald Day,
Jan Noyes, *Editors*
Interacting with Computers