



# **The European Academy for Standardization (EURAS)**

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# EURAS

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- Was founded in Hamburg in 1993 by researchers from various academic fields.
- Is a registered society under German civil law; non-profit.
- Emphasises the need for European co-operation.
- Is internationally oriented, and welcomes the participation from colleagues from other regions.
- **Is a loose federation of individuals.**

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# Objectives

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To promote

- research on standardisation,
- education on standardisation,
- European/international co-operation in standardisation.

# Services

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- Organise annual conferences
- Edit and publish the conference proceedings
- Publish the EURAS Yearbook
- Publish the EURAS book series (brand new)
- Provide logistic support to working groups
- Run e-mail distribution lists (167 members on open list).

# Working Groups

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- *Education* - W. Hesser (Helmut-Schmidt-Uni)
- *Standards, Law & Economics* - H.-B. Schäfer (Uni Hamburg)
- *Standardisation and conflict resolution* - M.J. Holler (Uni Hamburg)
- *History of standards* - P. Mazumdar (Uni Toronto)
- *Industry Requirements* - F. Bousquet (ZFIB Conseil) and D. Langmann (Langmann Momentum Consulting)

# Current activities I

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## EURAS members

- Are active in standards-related (European) research/consultancy activities.
- Have submitted numerous proposals in response to the EU's recent FP7 Call, on e.g.
  - democratic legitimacy in the standardisation of the 'Internet of Things',
  - how to strengthen the EU's position in international ICT standardisation,
  - a conference on the history and development of the Internet and its standards.

# Current activities II

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A new book series: 'Contributions to Standardisation Research'.

- Aims to publish pieces of work that would otherwise be largely forgotten (e.g., theses).
- Very short 'time-to-bookshelf' (to be measured in weeks).
- Covers all areas of standards and standardisation (except purely technical material).
- Suggestions for manuscripts are very welcome.



# Current activities III

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## **15th EURAS Annual Standardisation Conference – Services Standardisation –**

1 – 2 July 2010, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Sample topics:

- Standardisation and Science, Technology and Society
- Participatory issues in standardisation
- History and future of standards
- Developing countries and standardisation
- Legal and regulatory issues in standardisation
- Research and standardisation
- Economics of standardisation
- Standardisation policies
- Education on / in standardisation
- Management of standards and certification
- Standards setting and implementation processes

**Paper submission deadline: 28 March 2008**

# Related activities I

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## Standardisation and Innovation in IT (SIIT)

- Aims to promote interdisciplinary research about ICT standardisation.
- Organises bi-annual conferences (1999 Aachen, 2001 Boulder, 2003 Delft, 2005 Geneva, 2007 Calgary, 2009 Tokyo, 2011 Berlin).
- Conferences typically attract around 70-100 participants.
- Runs a mailing list with around 250 members.

# Related activities II

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- International Cooperation for Education about Standardization
  - focuses on standards education,
  - initiated by SUN Microsystems,
  - regular workshops (next one early July in Geneva).
- Int. Journal on IT Standards & Standardisation Research (JITSR)
  - semi-annual, peer-reviewed journal
- Book series: Advances in IT Standards and Standardization Research
  - covers all topics relating to IT standards and standardisation

# Potential ways of co-operation I

- EURAS conferences
  - organise special sessions / workshops,
  - provide invited speaker,
  - organise one.
- Working Groups
  - contribute to work on ‘standards education’ (Wilfried Hesser),
  - establish a new one (e.g., on standardisation policies, or standardisation and regulation).
- Book series
  - provide manuscripts
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# Potential ways of co-operation II

- WP members can subscribe to the open EURAS mailing list.
- EURAS can establish contacts to members with relevant expertise/experience.
- EURAS members can provide input/expertise for WP's meetings/conferences.
- EURAS members can provide opportunities for guest lectures by WP members.

# Links

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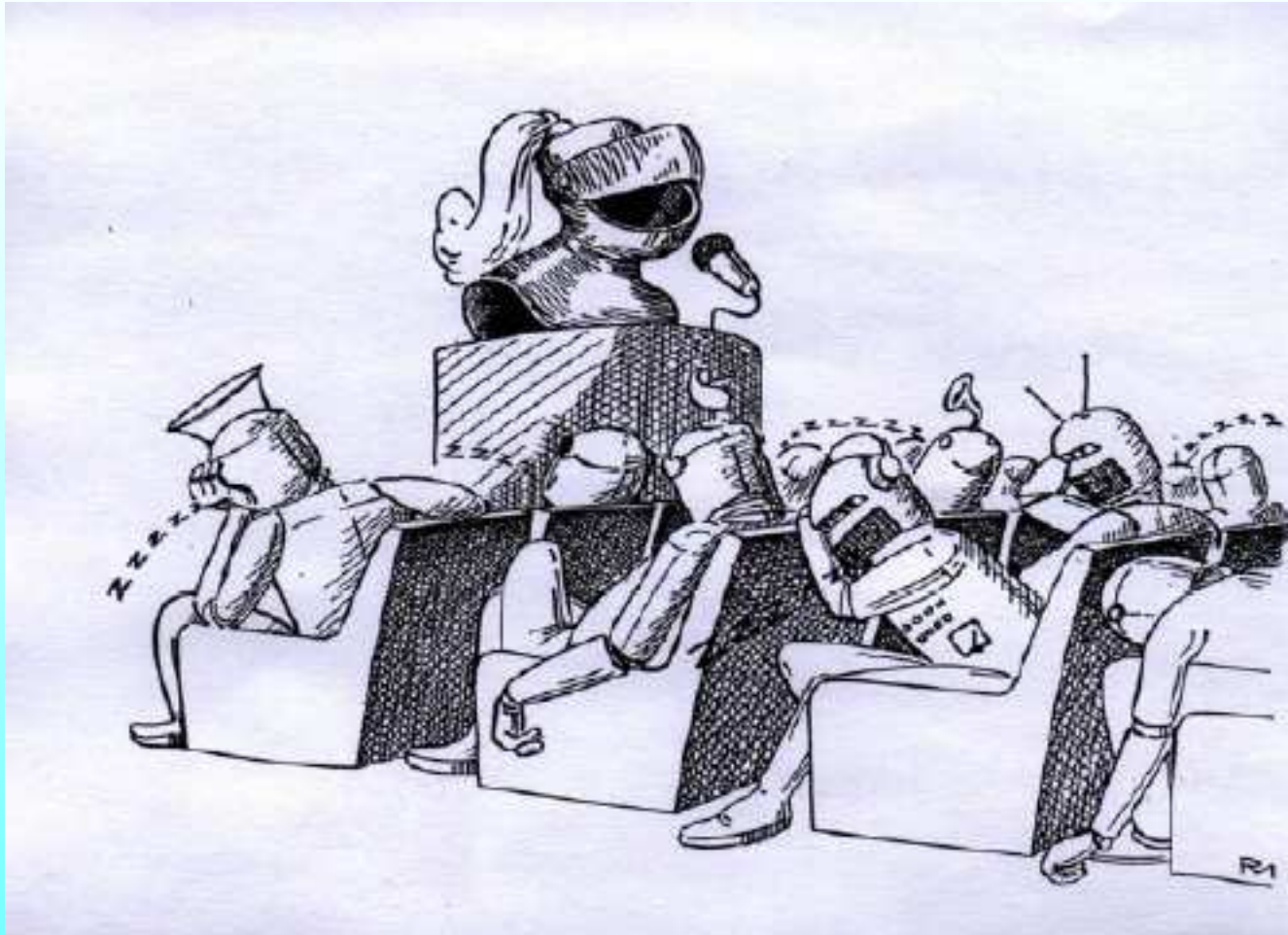
- EURAS: [www.euras.org](http://www.euras.org)
- ICES: [www.standards-education.org/](http://www.standards-education.org/)
- SIIT: [www.siit.org](http://www.siit.org) (not yet life); [www.siit2009.org](http://www.siit2009.org)

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**Thank You Very Much for Your Att**

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