INFER Research Fellow

Background:

INFER has traditionally focused on developing the careers of younger researchers and this was the motivating factor in the establishment of INFER in 1998. In particular the emphasis was on helping young researchers to develop presentation and publication opportunities and over time build up their personal network. INFER has succeeded in doing this and now has a strong and vibrant community of active researchers. Many of these early members have gone on to develop successful professional careers and have now developed a vast array of experience. The Board of INFER believes that these now more senior members (or past members) should have an opportunity to play a role within the ever expanding INFER network by contributing to the development of INFER itself and in doing so further develop their own careers. To help achieve this goal INFER will launch a new category called ‘INFER Research Fellows’.

Role of an INFER Research Fellow:

The principle aim of an INFER Research Fellow will be to contribute to the ongoing development of INFER by helping to continually enhance the quality of the network and allow INFER to develop new opportunities with institutions and publishers. Examples of such activities include (but are not limited to), expanding publication opportunities for members by helping to develop access to quality journals, encourage new institutional memberships, become referees for INFER workshops and conferences in their field, and to generally provide feedback to younger members.

INFER will establish a new electronic peer-reviewed working papers series called the ‘INFER Research Fellow Papers’, which will be exclusively reserved for papers written by at least one INFER Research Fellow. Fellows will have the right to list INFER as one of their affiliations on any of their publications. INFER Research Fellows may also present their papers in a newly established ‘Invited Sessions’ at INFER Workshops and Annual Conferences.

Who is Eligible to Apply?:

An INFER Research Fellow will typically be senior members who have been active in INFER for several years and who have a good research track record. In particular an INFER Research Fellow will have been an INFER member for at least 3 years, have at least 10 peer-reviewed publications (international journal articles, international books, international book chapters) and have organised at least 1 INFER Workshop, INFER Annual Conference or a workshop or conference formally supported by INFER.

In order to remain an INFER Research Fellow one should remain an INFER member (including paying the annual membership fee) and publish at least one paper in the INFER Research Fellow Papers every two years.

Procedure:

Those wishing to apply for a Fellowship should apply in writing to the INFER Board by contacting the INFER Chairman Jan Van Hove at info@infer.info listing their achievements in relation to the above eligibility criteria, and attach their CV. Applications will be evaluated by the INFER Board.