

IBM rewards 2 PhD-students at Belgian Universities with Fellowship Award

Universiteit Antwerpen and Université Catholique de Louvain honored

Brussels, 5th October 2009 – IBM (NYSE: IBM) announces today that two PhD students working at a Belgian University are nominated for the IBM PhD Fellowship Award. The award has a value of 17.500 USD and is paid to the university where the students are doing their research.

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awards is an intensely competitive worldwide program which honors exceptional Ph.D. students in many academic disciplines and areas of study of mutual interest and to support IBM's commitment to diversity in the workplace. This year the two nominates are:

Hong Sun, Universiteit Antwerpen, Dept Computer Sciences.

Hong Sun is currently a PhD student at the University of Antwerp, Performance Analysis of Telecommunication Systems (PATS) Research Group. He is also employed as a researcher of the IBBT (Interdisciplinary institute for Broadband Technology) since February 2006. At the beginning of 2006, he started researches on assisting the elder people who live independently. He studies the build of a mutual assistance community to effectively provide needed services, meanwhile saving the societal resources efficiently. His current research interests are: Ambient Assisted Living, Mutual Assistance Living, Service Oriented Architecture and Semantic Service Match. His promoters are Dr. De Florio and Prof. Blondia of the Universiteit Antwerpen

Kenia Sousa, Louvain School of Management (LSM), Dept Computer Sciences (ISYS)

Kenia Sousa is currently a PhD student at the Louvain School of Management. Since 2002, Kenia has been working with Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), more specifically on processes, methods, and models of UI design and evaluation; and on the integration of HCI with Software Engineering (SE). This IBM PhD Fellowship brings on “A Model-Driven Approach for User Interface-Business Process Alignment” in collaboration avec N. Sukaviriya from the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center. Her promoter is Professor Vanderdonct.

IBM pays special attention to certain focus areas:

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Bart Van Den Meersche, Country General Manager, IBM Belgium and Luxembourg: *"The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Program is intended to award, attract and recruit exceptional technical talent into IBM and to strengthen IBM's relationships with premier faculty. It also underscores IBM's long-standing commitment to diversity in the workplace by encouraging nominations of women, minorities and all who contribute to that diversity. I congratulate Mr. Hong and Mrs. Sousa with their award and count on it that they use it to continue their important research during the next academic year."*

Other similar programs related to academic relations are the annual IBM recognition for IT, attributed to Flemish and French speaking researchers (FWO/FNRS).

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