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Rodney Myers
Chairperson, 2009 IST Conference
Bloomington, IN 47405

Dear Rod:

As Interim Chairperson of the Department of Instructional Systems Technology at IU Bloomington, I am writing to express my appreciation and gratitude for your serving as the Chairperson and Conference Coordinator of the 2009 IST Conference that was held on February, 27. The IST Conference provides an important opportunity for IST students and faculty to share their research and development activities with others. You have provided an important service to the IST Department.

I understand that you began planning for the IST Conference in November, 2008. Arranging for a date for the conference and necessary facilities was a challenge in itself. I also know that you developed a new software system for people to register for the IST Conference, to submit conference proposals, and for evaluation of proposals by reviewers. This is a major contribution that will benefit future IST Conferences beyond the one this year. I also know that you developed the website for the 2009 Conference, which was important for advertising the conference as well as keeping attendees and presenters up-to-date on events for the conference. I found myself referring to the website on many occasions.

We had two excellent invited speakers for the 2009 IST Conference. Dr. Dee Andrews from the U.S. Air Force began the conference with a plenary session that helped us understand the kind of research that the USAF is doing with computer simulations and networked training of AF personnel. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Jeff Bardzell, drew a big crowd as he discussed aesthetic dimensions of design. The lunch provided by Bloomingfoods was excellent. The planned conference sessions went off without any major problems, which also attests to all the careful advanced preparation.

All in all, the 2009 IST Conference was a big success. On behalf of the IST faculty and students, thank you for providing this important service!

Sincerely,

Ted Frick
Interim Chair, IST