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Faculty Participate in Asia Pacific Economic Forum

Carnegie Mellon faculty members and representatives from university locations and programs in Australia and Singapore presented at a technology roundtable to kick off this week’s 48th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum Telecommunications (APEC TEL) and Information Working Group in Honolulu. Organized by Heinz College Dean Ramayya Krishnan, the roundtable showcased work from Heinz College, the College of Engineering and the School of Computer Science. Topics ranged from viral games and the Spoken Web, to mobile devices, smart infrastructure and analytics.

The APEC TEL meeting is an annual weeklong conference that includes regulators, policymakers, and industry representatives and delegates from 21 Asia-Pacific economies, including Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, The Russian Federation, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the U.S. and Vietnam.

Presenters included:

- Charles Chew, Singapore delegation;
- Steve Fienberg, Maurice Falk University Professor of Statistics and Social Science, Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences;
- Pedro Ferreira, assistant professor of information systems, Heinz College;
- Chris Drew, CMU-Australia;
- James Garrett, Thomas Lord Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and dean of the College of Engineering;
- Ramayya Krishnan, William W. and Ruth F. Cooper Professor of Management Science and Information Systems, and dean of Heinz College;
- Steve Miller, Living Analytics Research Center, Singapore Management University;
- Rema Padman, professor of management science and health care informatics, Heinz College;
- Lim EE Peng, professor of information systems, Singapore Management University
- Roni Ronenfeld, professor, Language Technologies Institute, School of Computer Science; and
- Stephen Schmid, adjunct faculty member, CMU-Australia.

Alumni Return for Cabaret To Benefit Drama's Senior Showcase

Alumni Michael Kooman (A'06) and Chris Dimond (A'07) are returning to Pittsburgh to perform at Pittsburgh’s CLO Cabaret at Theater Square with the School of Drama Musical Theater Ensemble at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. “A Cabaret Evening with Michael Kooman and Chris Dimond” will feature songs from the duo’s catalog and benefits the School of Drama’s Senior Showcase Fund. The show is open to the public; tickets are $30 and $5 for students.

Kooman, an alumnus of the School of Music, and Dimond, a Drama School graduate, have earned many accolades for their work. They received the 2010 Jonathan Larson Grant and are the first recipients of the Lorenz Hart Award. Between them, they have received the Burton Lane Award, the Harold Adamson Award, the KC/ACTF Musical Theatre Award, an Anna Sosenko Grant, numerous ASCAP Plus awards, and have been three-time finalists for the Fred Ebb Award.

Their musical DANI GIRL has been workshopped at the Kennedy Center, American Conservatory Theatre, Cherry Lane Theatre, the ASCAP/Disney Musical Theater Workshop, the Festival of New American Musicals, and was featured in the 2011 NAMT Festival of New Musicals. The show has seen recent productions in Toronto, Dallas, Boston and Australia.

Kooman and Dimond are currently under commission by the Pittsburgh CLO, where a new audience participation-based musical will premiere in early 2014. Their debut album, “Out of Our Heads,” features an all-star lineup of Broadway performers — including some fellow CMU alumni — and is now available on iTunes.

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