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Hans Jochen Scholl's Laudatio on Maria Wimmer

In Recognition of a Decade of Excellence in E-Government Research

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,

One more thing ...

This is a legendary way for announcing something extraordinary,
something outstanding -- one more thing

This morning I would like to take this opportunity.

Occasionally, rather infrequently, the EGOV community recognizes one of
its major members for important research contributions or for outstanding
service, or both.

Today is such a rare occasion. It is my great pleasure to participate in this
ceremony honoring a very distinguished colleague.

The colleague I would like to honor today is one of the veterans in our study
domain. That does not mean that this particular colleague is old, on the
contrary.

This remarkable member of our community was already a pioneer in the
very early days, when the study domain was still just one special topic
among quite a few other special topics. This is not to say that e-Government
is less special today than it was more than ten years ago. Only in the
meantime the body of academic knowledge in e-Government has surged
from a dozen papers to over 5,000 peer reviewed articles and books in the
English language alone.

In those early days our very meritorious member co-organized one of the two inaugural workshops from which this very conference emanated.

Ever since our colleague has played a leading and shaping role in making this conference what it is today. Let us remember, the first EGOV conference was held in Aix-en-Provence in 2002, the second in Prague 2003, the third in Zaragoza in 2004, the fourth in Copenhagen in 2005, the fifth in Krakow in 2006, the sixth in Regensburg in 2007, the seventh in Turin in 2008, and the eighth in Linz. Then in 2010, this ninth conference became a fully flavored and recognized IFIP conference and was held in Lausanne; and today, we are here for the tenth EGOV conference 2011 in Delft.

In each and every of these conferences our dear colleague had a leading role restlessly organizing, directing, negotiating, planning, reviewing, editing, supervising, and implementing.

Moreover, this colleague is one of the most prolific and well-published scholars in the domain and well-recognized in other academic neighborhoods.

Since a sizable conference like EGOV would not completely exhaust this vital member's energies this person also has led and is leading major European research projects, conducted numerous other workshops, smaller academic conferences, and so forth.

Ladies and gentlemen, by now, I believe it can no longer be a secret of and about whom I am speaking here.

Please celebrate with me the great accomplishments of our dear colleague and leader Maria Wimmer.

<Marijn brings statuette>

Dear Maria,

We are honoring you today with this statuette in recognition of a decade of absolute excellence in e-Government research, teaching, and service.

We are very proud of you and of being your colleagues and co-workers.

We hope you will continue your great contributions for many years to come.

So, we are looking not only for ONE MORE THING

But rather for MANY MORE THINGS to come.

Congratulations, Maria Wimmer.

