

Chengqi Zhang is a Research Professor of Information Technology at University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), Australia, where he has been since December 2001. He is currently the Director of UTS Priority Research Centre of Quantum Computation and Intelligent Systems which includes around 30 staff and 50 research students. It is one of the strongest research centres in Australia. Chengqi Zhang received his PhD degree from The University of Queensland in 1991 and his Doctor of Science (Higher Doctorate) from Deakin University in 2002.

Prof. Zhang's research interests span "Multi-Agent Systems" and "Data Mining". He has published more than 200 research papers, and has done pioneering research in Distributed Artificial Intelligence (DAI) since the early 1990s. He published a series of papers in prestigious international journals, such as his paper "Cooperation under Uncertainty in Distributed Expert Systems" which was published in the *Artificial Intelligence Journal* in 1992. Other papers appeared IEEE-SMC 1990, IEEE-TKDE 1994, 1999 (2 papers), IEEE Trans. on Communication 1995, and in several ICMAS/AAMAS conferences. Thus, he is a long-established and well-regarded researcher in the MAS field.

Besides attending every ICMAS/AAMAS conference since the series began in 1995, he has also actively served most of these conferences as a senior program committee member or program committee member. He was also the publicity Chair of AAMAS'06. Besides his service to ICMAS/AAMAS, he has also been instrumental in promoting the AAMAS field in Australia and the Pacific Rim countries. He was the founder and Program Chair for the Australian DAI Workshops in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008. He was also one of the founders of the Pacific Rim International Workshop on Multi-Agents (PRIMA) which has taken place since 1998, serving as PC Chair for PRIMA 1999 and 2000, chairing the PRIMA Planning Committee from 2000 to 2002, and serving as a member of the Planning committee for many years.

He is currently the Chair of Australian National Committee for AI, and Chair of the Steering Committee for the International Conference on Knowledge Science, Engineering, and Management. He was the General co-Chair for the ACM/WIC/IEEE Web Intelligence and Intelligent Agent Technology Conference in 2008, and the General or PC co-Chair for other six international conferences. Further, he was an Associate Editor (AE) of IEEE TKDE and has been an AE for the International Journal of Web Intelligence and Agent Technology since it started. He has been a Senior member of the IEEE Computer Society (IEEE) since 1995 and was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Computer Society in 2009.

Prof. Zhang has much to offer to the IFAAMAS Board. He has an extensive history in the field in general and with the AAMAS conference in particular to draw on, and has considerable experience in organizing and running conferences. He has ties to other communities (particularly data mining) that could add to the Board's disciplinary breadth. Being from Australia, and also having close ties to the AAMAS research community in China, Prof. Zhang would be able to represent regions of the world that are underrepresented in the Board's current composition.

Thus, given his prolonged and valuable contributions to research in the AAMAS area, his impressive service track record, and his ability to represent the Asia Pacific region, we strongly believe that Prof. Chengqi Zhang would make an excellent IFAAMAS Board member.