

Professor Keith Decker of the University of Delaware has been an active research member of the multi-agent community for over twenty years starting with his important survey article on Distributed AI published in 1987 in the IEEE Transactions on SMC. He has published extensively in ICMAS, AA, AAMAS conferences, having 11 full papers accepted. He was awarded a special recognition award in 2006 from the IPTO office of DARPA for his foundational work on agent coordination. Further, he has a number of patents on applying agent technology to industrial problems.

He has also made important service contributions to our community. He was the program co-chair of the 2009 AAMAS, conference, treasurer for the 2008 AAMAS conference, workshop program chair for the 2002 AAMAS and 2000 AA conference, and publicity chair for 1998 ICMAS. He has also been on the senior program committees of the 2005 and 2006 AAMAS conferences. He has also serviced on a large number of workshop and program committees, and a number of editorial boards including JAAMAS.

His wide range of research experiences and involvement in industrial application of agent and multi-agent technology combined together with his extensive and varied service contributions gives him a very comprehensive view of the field, which will make him an effective member of the IFAAMAS board.