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# Main: SigactCommittee

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In June 2005, SIGACT set up a committee that will deal with funding, outreach, and advocacy issues. It will also explore and promote funding opportunities for TCS in NSF and other funding agencies, and keep the TCS community continuously engaged with the political and funding process in Washington DC. The members are: Richard Karp (chair), Christos Papadimitriou, Avi Wigderson, Richard Lipton, Bob Sloan (former NSF ToC director), Madhu Sudan, Sanjeev Arora, Michael Mitzenmacher, and 3 representatives from the Sigact EC: Hal Gabow, Eva Tardos, Joan Feigenbaum.

Some goals for this committee:

(A) Act as liaison between funding agencies and the SIGACT community. In particular to offer advice and the visions of the TCS community to NSF.

(B) Ensure that TCS viewpoints are represented within the broader discussion of funding for all of computer science.

(C) Facilitate and coordinate the development of materials that educate the rest of the world about TCS.

This page will be used to give periodic reports to the TCS community and to pass on information, solicit comments, etc.

- **Article by Sanjeev Arora and Avi Wigderson; February 2006.** It outlines things we can do to help improve funding for TCS and it also describes initiatives launched by the committee to help bring more funding to TCS.
- **Article by Dick Karp; November 2005.** (Based upon a presentation at FOCS; to appear in SIGACT News soon.) Describes what the committee is trying to do, and invites help of all kinds from members of the TCS community.
- **Report from September 2005.** Includes details of an NSF trip and news about a new NSF initiative.
- **The committee welcomes your suggestions for Grand Challenges for TCS Research**
- **Important Announcement (Sept 2005): NSF Program Officer positions open**

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