

## Speaker Bios



### **Pat Harris**

Pat Harris is an International Standards Specialist in the NIST's Standards Coordination Office. She brings to SCO extensive experience in the standards development arena at the national and international levels, having managed an ANSI-accredited standards setting organization and the secretariat for an ISO Subcommittee. Through this hands-on experience she has gained valuable insights into standards development processes and systems. She has also engaged in a number of standards activities that have demonstrated the value of standardization to enabling innovations in information technology, including standardization of the file structures for the CD-ROM and eBooks. Currently her duties include participating on the team representing U.S. standards interests to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Ms. Harris is a graduate of the Randolph Macon Woman's College, holds an M.S. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and currently serves on the Board of Visitors to the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science.



### **Arjan Widlak**

For more than twelve years Arjan was responsible for IT projects for various governments with his company United Knowledge, of which he is founder and CEO. United Knowledge is an ICT and consultancy firm and an established game-developer.

Arjan is a consultant and trainer and has developed many serious games concerning complex decision making for businesses and governments in various countries.

Arjan has a background in political science and is an expert on the political-economic aspects of standardization. For many years he has been fascinated by mechanisms on the edge of law and economics that in many ways shape our society.

Arjan has contracted with NIST in the past to offer the course, ***Setting Standards: Exercise in Strategy and Cooperation in Standardization Process***, and his broad experience in this highly specific area, where didactic theory meets standards management, has been met by participants with great enthusiasm.