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## Design by Fire

Conference under the auspices of

- Chi Nederland, association for Human Computer Interaction
- IxDA Nederland, the Interaction Design Association.

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Media Plaza, Utrecht, The Netherlands

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# Interaction / Design :: Foreword

Douglas Adams, author of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, characterized the beginning of the new millennium with the phrase: 'When we started to get interactivity back'.

After a century of being controlled by passive media, developments as web2.0, ubicomp and natural interfaces bring the opportunities for renewed interaction between people. Facilitated, but no longer hindered by machines. The technologies required are now ready to use. For interaction designers a challenging era has started.

In your hand is the program booklet for Design by Fire 2008. The conference strives to be the breeding ground for the newest ideas on interaction design. We proudly present seven inspirational sessions that acknowledge the broadness and innovativeness of the field we're working in. You're invited to participate in the discussions following each session.

We hope you will gain a lot of inspiration and food for thoughts today.

Enjoy!

Yohan Creemers

Chair of Design by Fire 2008

## Schedule

- 09:30 - 10:30 **C30, C60, C90, GO!**  
Brendan Dawes, magneticNorth  
Coffee break
- 11:00 - 11:45 **Motivations for cookbooks and llowlifes**  
Gert Hans Berghuis, Fabrique
- 11:45 - 12:30 **Predicting the Past**  
Joe Fletcher, Microsoft  
Lunch
- 13:30 - 13:45 WiiJ Timski
- 13:45 - 14:30 **Software creativity, Innovation and Design in a World of Engineering**  
Jonathan Arnowitz, Google
- 14:30 - 15:15 **User centered innovation**  
Thomas Küber and Julian Masuhr, D-LABS  
Coffee break
- 15:45 - 16:00 Jan Willem Huisman, IJsfontein
- 16:00 - 16:45 **Architecture = Interaction**  
Marthijn Pool, ONL
- 16:45 - 17:30 **Generation random**  
Thomas Castro, LUST  
Closing and drinks

## C30, C60, C90, GO!

### 09:30-10:30 Brendan Dawes, magneticNorth

Brendan Dawes his work and career has largely been based on the process of iteration. Being led by how one thing leads to another, though usually in a very roundabout way.

In this session Brendan will take you through his approach to interaction design and creativity with both real world examples and personal experimental work that often have “play” and “fun” at its core.

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### Tags:



## Motivations for cookbooks and llowlifes

11:00-11:45 **Gert Hans Berghuis, Fabrique**

Why do people keep a cookbook on the Albert Heijn site? Why do people blog about their last holiday? Gert Hans Berghuis identified eight reasons why people contribute to online/shared content. Illustrated with cases from his own design portfolio he will suggest ways to address these different motivations in social web applications.

He will furthermore discuss the differences between anonymous and credited contributions, and investigate the contrast between co-creation for effect and as pastime.

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## Predicting the Past

11:45-12:30 **Joe Fletcher, Microsoft**

A new inflection point in human-computer interaction is upon us. Along with other technologies, Microsoft Surface marks a departure from graphical user interface or GUI into the world of Natural User Interface or NUI. This talk for the UX Community focused a lens on how one design team is thinking about designing for a new era in which intuitive interaction is the imperative.

Using theoretical models drawn from a mix of history, science, philosophy, and even video game design, this presentation revealed some principles behind experience design for Microsoft Surface and beyond.

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# Software creativity, Innovation and Design in a World of Engineering

13:45-14:30 Jonathan Arnowitz, Google

“We want this software to be the ipod of document management registry backends. But we want it done by next Tuesday.” Engineers love hard goals, tight deadlines and sure outcomes. Designers thrive on open processes where the path they are leading us is unknown until the end. Add to this mix Product Managers who just throw up their hands, “Just build the damn thing, we’ll fix it later.”

How does a designer thrive in this kind of environment. How can you maintain the poise to be creative in the face of such out of touch desires.

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# User centered innovation

14:30-15:15 Thomas Küber and Julian Masuhr, D-LABS

In the ever more diverging market of software enhanced products, innovation can be stated as one of the key factors for business success. The Design Led Innovation approach assists in developing solutions that truly meet their users’ needs. Thomas and Julian will give an overview of their methods and techniques. With a strong emphasis on generating a broad range of ideas at an early stage, they seek to get innovative thoughts into market ready products. Teams of user researchers, interaction designers and prototype developers cooperate to design user-centered solutions.

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## Architecture = Interaction

**16:00-16:45 Marthijn Pool, ONL [Oosterhuis\_Lénárd]**

ONL's non standard architecture is developed in the domain of information. The essence of information determines the evolution of a design process and it's outcome. The building is actually an information model that can be triggered at any time. The architect regulates input and output and shapes the information. Buildings do interact with their users and environment as long as the building can process input and output. This makes interactive architecture, not in responsive manners like pushing a button to trigger an action, but in means of intelligence.

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## Generation random

**16:45-17:30 Thomas Castro, LUST**

The position of the designer has been defined for a long time as producers of structured communicative visual forms and identities. This view is shortsighted in light of recent developments in our culture. Previous linear models are being replaced by non-hierarchical ones. The world of design has not been able yet to spread the use of non-hierarchy and non-linearity into a coherent design strategy or unique visual language. At LUST they are interested in seeing just how far they can take concepts like this and translate them into practical forms that are both challenging and communicative.

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# Thanks

The speakers: Brendan Dawes, Gert Hans Berghuis, Joe Fletcher, Jonathan Arnowitz, Julian Masuhr, Marthijn Pool, Thomas Castro and Thomas Küber.

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## Next

3 November 2008 - Theater Kikker, Utrecht

This happened – Utrecht #1

Event focusing on the stories behind interaction design

More info: [thishappened.nl](http://thishappened.nl)

13 November 2008 - De Balie, Amsterdam

Gerrit van der Veer prijs

Chi Nederland essay award

More info: [www.gerritvanderveerprijs.nl](http://www.gerritvanderveerprijs.nl)

5-8 February 2009 - Vancouver

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IxDA annual conference on interaction design

More info: [interaction09.ixda.org](http://interaction09.ixda.org)





INFORMAAT

De afdeling GITS (Group IT Services) van Achmea is als serviceorganisatie verantwoordelijk voor alle merken van Achmea in Nederland. Op dit moment is er concrete behoefte aan:

## Drie interaction designers

Binnen de serviceteams intranet-internet, internet Centraal Beheer en internet FBTO vervul jij de rol van ontwerper in een multidisciplinair team. De standplaats is Apeldoorn.

### **Je kernactiviteiten zijn:**

Bepalen van de eisen, wensen en behoeften van gebruikers in samenhang met die van de stakeholders en deze vertalen naar een goed interactieontwerp.

### **Achmea biedt jou:**

Een bedrijf waar jij de user experience intern en extern een eigen gezicht kan geven. Daarnaast heeft Achmea een uitstekend arbeidsvoorwaardenpakket met vaste eindejaarsuitkering.

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