

Report regarding the Visiting Professorship

Prof Czaja was in Scotland for a two-week visit beginning March 14, 2010. During that time she was able to interact with people from several SICSA universities.

University of Edinburgh

Maria Wolters of Edinburgh's School of Informatics visited Dundee for the day to meet with Prof Czaja. Discussions involved synergistic research related to the use voice interactions as an interface for older adults.

University of Aberdeen

Prof Czaja travelled to University of Aberdeen on March 24 and presented a Computer Science seminar, see <http://www.csd.abdn.ac.uk/research/seminars/seminar.php?id=305>

University of St Andrews

Prof Czaja met with Arlene Astell at the University St Andrews on March 26 for discussions regarding technology use for patients with dementia. These researchers discovered both deep and broad overlapping interests and made arrangements to meet again at an upcoming conference to continue their discussions.

University of Dundee

As the application institution, the University of Dundee had the most opportunities to benefit from the visit. Prof Czaja had one-on-one discussions with relevant research staff, discussed MSc and Honours projects with students, served as the External Examiner on one Viva committee, and presented a tutorial lecture on Research Methods for postgraduates. In terms of research activities, she presented a widely-advertised seminar at the School of Computing and discussed collaborative activities with researchers. Key discussions were with Profs Vicki Hanson, Peter Gregor, Alan Newell, and John Arnott in relation to research with older adults and technology design to support eHealth and assisted living, with specific emphasis on designing tools that are appropriate for users with sensory and cognitive impairments. The visit sparked ideas for collaborative work and a joint research proposal is in preparation.

Note: The CS departments at the universities of Glasgow (via Stephen Brewster), St Andrews, and Edinburgh were informed of Prof Czaja's upcoming visit. For various reasons, her availability did not fit with their seminar schedules.