

11/26/2019

Dear Jen

I hope you are well. Please feel free to pass this onto the authors of the report from ACCESS SIGCHI if you don't have the cycles to reply.

Given the SIGCHI data policy I wanted to ask, how did the ACCESS SIGCHI community get access to the CHI Survey Data noted in the report?

11/30/2019

Hi [Redacted]

I asked permission to use the data in the report and was given the data to analyze. I don't remember who I asked each prior time, but this last year, I asked [Redacted]. I believe the first time we did this (it's been in every report) I asked [Redacted] about it, but I can't find the email records in any obvious search. Could have been a verbal discussion.

I've always appreciated the collaborative approach [SIGCHI] has taken to working with the AccessSIGCHI community, and their support for our efforts to understand accessibility problems, and have been careful to only use anonymized data in the report.

12/6/2019

Hello Jen,

I'm afraid I need to issue this email as a formal warning as ACM SIGCHI [chair role] on this, as I will explain.

In this case you should have made a formal request to the ACM SIGCHI [chair role] under the data policy. You asked for data as a member of the CHI Steering Committee but then the data was taken into a different group (i.e. the AccessSIGCHI community) for a different purpose. As a result the SIGCHI data request policy should have been followed.

The AccessSIGCHI community does not have blanket permission to access the CHI survey data. You as a member of a SIGCHI committee and a separate community do not have blanket permission to move data between a formal committee and a "community". Nobody has permission within the CHI SC committee to hand over data to a community.

Further, I need to advise the ACM this has occurred as I see GDPR concerns.

I'm sorry to have to issue this warning but I'm bound by the SIGCHI and ACM policies.

1/15/2020

There is a SIGCHI policy around access to data, including the CHI survey data. Part of this requires people to formally make a request to the ACM SIGCHI [chair role]. Recently I issued a cautionary note to Jen Mankoff on her use of this data in a recent SIGCHI ACCESS community report.

I wanted to clarify that subsequent to me issuing this two important things became clear. Firstly, Jen was not aware of, and had not been informed of, the EC data sharing policy. Secondly, Jen did ask a number of people for access to the data and hence she had, to the best of her knowledge, had asked for permission to use the data.

What is important for the future is that the data policy is more widely communicated and employed for everyone's benefit.