File 20100712.2100: Notes from dinner with Jeff Dutoit tonight:

This was Tuesday's PR status meeting for the week. I reported that the Quarterly Progress Report is finished and sent to Tom Parmentier. It still needs the current budget and schedule figures pasted in.

Jeff told me Olav quit his PhD programme. He was falling behind at work. I hope that means Olav is the one in 'my cohort' who doesn't finish. That means it's not me. Right?

Jeff says nimso is the bane of his existence as a project manager. I still do not know what agency nimso is, other than that it is a classified funding source.

UCDMO Conference in early August: I am on the approved list to go if I can come up with my own funds to travel. Dan Griffin has to approve everyone who goes.

I described my paper for the ACM CCS workshop, on economics. Hawk pointed out that the existence of the tool introduces a moral hazard, because some accreditors could now believe that the risk is lower than they first assessed. Cite as [R. Hawkins, personal communication].

Tactical Cross Domain Solution (TCDS) is 'compatible with Radiant Mercury Mag'?

Olav told me that a Cambridge group is also doing corpus work: $score = \log(\text{num. occurrences in corpus}) \times \blacksquare$ (num. occurrences in doc) + distance between hits in document. Olav is going to send me a link to the book he is reading. It is [1].

Olav once climbed down a wall of balconies outside a Courtyard Marriott at 0300 in October in his boxers. He got locked out on the balcony without his phone when a security bar fell down across the sliding glass door.

The business ops people at dinner explained another contract type to me: IDIQ, meaning Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity. It means, 'Here's some money, go get started,' but the contract does not specify firm dates for when anything is to be delivered. It's like a government-funded IRAD, they said.

References

[1] Peter Jackson and Isabelle Moulinier. Natural Language Processing for Online Applications: Text Retrieval, Extraction and Categorization. John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 2nd revised edition, 2007.