

Minutes of the Meeting of EACSL 2020

Barcelona, January 13, 18:30

19 Participants

1. Confirmation of agenda

The agenda is approved by acclamation.

2. Choice of secretary (Minutes of the meeting)

Nils Vortmeier is approved by acclamation to be secretary.

3. Report on general meeting 2018

The report on the general meeting 2018 is approved by acclamation.

4. Financial report 2018

- Thomas Schwentick presents the financial report for the year 2018.
- The account balance at the end of the year amounts to 1099,16€, after total expenses of 195,88€ and 0€ income.
- The report was earlier checked and confirmed by the cash examiners Christof Löding and Martin Mundhenk.
- The financial report is accepted unanimously and the board is released from future liability for the decisions in the report.

5. Election of accountants for 2020

Christof Löding and Martin Mundhenk are unanimously re-elected as cash examiners for the years 2019 and 2020.

6. Changes of the Board of EACSL in 2020

- There are no ending terms.
- Maribel Fernández is unanimously elected as new member of the board.

7. Changes on the Scientific Council in 2020

Johan Makowsky is unanimously elected as new member of the Scientific Council.

8. Report on CSL 2020

- Maribel Fernández presents the report of the Program Committee.
 - This 28th CSL is the first to take place in January.
 - The Program Committee had a similar size as in previous editions, it was diverse with respect to (amongst others) primary research topic and region.
 - 82 full papers were submitted, 32 of them accepted. These numbers were similar as in previous editions.
- Albert Atserias presents the report of the Organization Committee.
 - Registration was open from October 2019, the early registration deadline was in early December.
 - 58 participants registered, 55 of them before the early deadline. 15 participants are full-time students.
 - 40% of the costs were covered by sponsors, 60% by registration fees.

- The participants of the membership meeting thank the Program Committee and the Organization Committee and in particular their chairs for all the work.

9. Future CSL Conferences (2021 & 2022)

- CSL 2021 will most likely take place in Ljubljana instead of Athens. Department approval is still pending.
- Local organizers are Alex Simpson, Andrej Bauer and Danel Ahman.
- PC chairs are Christel Baier and Jean Goubault-Larreq.
- CSL 2022 is planned to take place in Göttingen in February 2022, organized by Florin Manea. Final approval is still pending.

10. Report on the Ackermann Award 2019

- The jury consisted of: Christel Baier (Dresden), Michael Benedikt (Oxford), Mikolaj Bojanczyk (Warsaw), Jean Goubault-Larreq (Paris), Dexter Kozen (Cornell), Dale Miller (Paris), Simona Ronchi Della Rocca (Torino), Thomas Schwentick (Dortmund).
- Eligible: PhD thesis of 2017 and 2018
- 11 excellent nominations for the Ackermann Award were received.
- The winner is Antoine Mottet.
- Nomination deadline for the Ackermann Award 2020 is April 1.

11. Any other business

- Length of talks and generous introductions: it is again emphasized that the first ~5 minutes of a talk should be understandable for the whole audience.
- Length of papers in proceedings in comparison to submission version:
 - Extra pages would allow for more proof details in the main paper and better possibility to respond to reviewer feedback.
 - Objections:
 - Would that count as peer-reviewed?
 - Would authors just “dump” their appendix in the paper?
 - LIPIcs charges per page
 - The next PC may decide whether more pages should be allowed to respond to reviewer feedback and to compensate for the space-consuming LIPIcs style.
- Carbon footprint of CSL
 - Estimation on combined emitted carbon because of travel of all CSL participants (based on questionnaire): 20t
 - For comparison: European goal for carbon emission per person and year for 2030 is 4t
 - Carbon emission needs to be halved by 2030, how can this be accomplished for CSL?
 - Travel by train if possible.
 - Allow video talks if otherwise people would need to fly (as suggested by Moshe Vardi in his CACM column).
 - Discussion:
 - If (invited) speakers just come to give their talk, they would not have to travel if they can give the talk via video.
 - Would senior people still attend, would that lower the extend of interaction especially between junior and senior attendants?
 - Video talks can be recorded in advance and put online.
 - Allow “only virtual” attendance with reduced registration fee and online access to videos of talks.
 - Attention might be lower for video talks.
 - The length of video talks could be limited to i.e. 10 minutes in comparison to 30 minutes slots for on site talks.
 - Reduce the number of conferences
 - Cluster conferences

- Implement intermediate of conference and journals, similar to VLDB: submission deadline every month, conference-style acceptance, not necessarily with presentation.