

Minutes of the Meeting of EACSL 2021

**Ljubljana/Anywhere on Earth, January 26, 17:30–
19:30**

25 Participants

Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda is approved by Zoom vote.

Choice of Secretary (Minutes of the Meeting)

Sylvain Schmitz is approved by Zoom vote.

Report on general meeting 2020

The report on the general meeting 2020 is approved by Zoom vote.

Financial Report 2019

- Dietrich Kuske presents the financial report for the year 2019.
- The account balance has been approved by the accountants.
- The balance at the end of the year amounts to €1,637.16, after total expenses of €137 and €675 income.
- The financial report is accepted unanimously and the board is released from future liability for the decisions in the report.

Tentative Financial Report 2020

- Dietrich Kuske presents a simplified tentative financial report for the year 2020.
- The account balance at the end of the year is €2,935.65, after total expenses of €2,875.15 (account fees, Ackermann award and proceedings) and €4,203.55 income (sponsorship and membership fees).
- Suggestions for new actions are sought.

Election of Accountants for 2021

Christof Löding and Martin Mundhenk are unanimously re-elected as cash examiners for the year 2021.

Report on the Ackermann Award 2020

- The jury consisted of: Christel Baier (TU Dresden), Michael Benedikt (Oxford University), Mikolaj Bojanczyk (University of Warsaw), Jean Goubault-Larrecq (ENS Paris-Saclay), Prakash Panangaden (McGill University), Simona Ronchi Della Rocca (University of Torino), Thomas Schwentick (TU Dortmund), and Alexandra Silva (University College London)
- Eligible: PhD thesis of 2018 and 2019
- 8 excellent nominations for the Ackermann Award were received.
- The winner is Benjamin Kaminski.
- Nomination deadline for the Ackermann Award 2021 is expected to be July 1.
- There have been discussions about the award's name.
- More nominations of women would be good.

Changes of the Board of EACSL in 2021

- The term of Catuscia Palamadessi as SIGLOG representative has ended in 2020, and she was nominated by SIGLOG again; this renewal to the board is accepted by unanimous vote.
- Christel Baier and Jean Goubault-Larrecq are elected by unanimous vote as *associate members* of the board, with future ends of term of board members in the upcoming years in sight

Report on CSL 2021

- Christel Baier presents the report of the Program Committee.
 - Separate abstract and full paper submission deadlines.
 - 82 full papers were submitted, 34 of them accepted. These numbers were similar as in previous editions. 10 papers (co-)authored by female researchers, 9 with (co-)authors from a non-European country. The average quality was quite high, with 24 submissions rating an average score ≥ 1.7 .
 - The Program Committee had a similar size as in previous editions, it was diverse with respect to (amongst others) gender, region, and primary research topic. Quite a few declined the invitation to the PC, but this is usual for conferences.
 - Very smooth interaction with the Dagstuhl LIPIcs team.
- Alex Simpson presents the report of the Organisation Committee.
 - This 29th CSL took place online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a

decision that was made in September 2020

- Regarding *finances*:
 - having a virtual conference allows to keep fees very low
 - Zoom and Gather licenses were funded by the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the University of Ljubljana
 - Still needed to cover EACSL membership and LIPIcs publication costs
 - Free registration for student non-speakers
 - Due to the low fees, handling the payment became an issue as the registration payment was by bank transfer directly into the EACSL bank account, with no card payment option, which was not ideal for some would be participants
- *Virtual* conference model:
 - local time
 - invited talks live
 - contributed speakers had the choice of pre-recorded (8) or live (26) presentations, with speakers available for live questions
 - talks are streamed on YouTube
 - Gather environment for social interaction
- Registration was open from October 2020, registration deadline of December 14 for speakers and January 11 for non-speakers.
- 119 registered participants, but the maximal attendance during the first two days was about 33 simultaneous participants (not counting people from YouTube, who could watch live or afterwards)
- Will solicit *feedback* from participants to help plan future meetings
- The participants of the membership meeting thank the Program Committee and the Organisation Committee and in particular their chairs for all the work.

Future CSL Conferences (2022 & 2023)

- The plans for **CSL 2022** are presented by Florin Manea
 - planned to take place on February 14–19 2022
 - planned to be *hybrid*: in Göttingen, Germany and online
 - recording and streaming are already available at the university of Göttingen
 - organised by the Fundamentals of CS group
 - PC Chairs: Alex Simpson and Florin Manea, 24 members
 - Tentative schedule: submissions on July 5, 2021 (AoE), notifications on September 30, 2021, early registration deadline on December 15, 2021
 - Collocated events:

- Logic and Computational Complexity Workshop (LCC)
 - Logic Mentoring Workshop (LMW)
 - additional satellite events are welcome
- The plans for **CSL 2023** are presented by Lorenzo Clemente
 - planned to take place in Warsaw, Poland
 - tentative venue in the old library on the main campus
 - tentative dates on January 23–26, 2023 but need to coordinate e.g. with POPL
 - the current plan is to have a physical conference
 - catering planned to be included in the registration fee

General Business

The following topics were discussed but without taking firm decisions.

- Abstract deadline separate from full paper deadline
 - gives time for PC members to start bidding and for authors to polish their papers
 - very few (2 or 3) abstracts did not materialise into full papers in CSL 2021
 - postponing deadlines on the other hand is a topic on which people might have strong feelings, as it might give a sign that the quality of the conference is not too good
- About the virtual format for conferences
 - people are not as much invested in the conference
 - not so many people participate in the Gather social space
- Kindly asking invited speakers whether they could support their expenses, and fund them if they cannot
 - This is one of the main expenses in a conference
 - But would send a negative signal to the invited speakers
- EACSL endorses the tcs4f manifesto, following in particular the discussion during the 2020 EACSL meeting
- Logic Mentoring Workshop (LMW) collocated with CSL 2022 (and beyond?), with Ulrich Berger representing EACSL in the Steering Committee of the workshop
- In the board, the idea to start a new award, a *best student paper* named after **Helena Rasiowa** (1917–1994), has been discussed
 - Damian Niwinski knew her in person, and he gives a brief presentation about her life and influence

- Special issue of [*Fundamenta Informaticæ* in 1996](#)
- Strong proponent of intuitionistic logic
- Very active in the recruitment of students, including women, into logic and CS studies

- Members are also encouraged to read her Wikipedia webpage
- Intention not to restrict to "pure" student papers, but also allow papers written jointly with their advisors
 - The choice for student best paper is often not very large (e.g. at LICS)
 - But the idea to allow papers co-authored with supervisors might alleviate this

- An alternative could be to rename the Ackermann Award into Rasiowa–Ackermann Award
 - bigger signal, as the Ackermann award is rather well-known
 - her first name would not be apparent

- Other ideas include having a prize for the best talk

- Topics not touched by lack of time: double-blind reviewing, and future conferences, in particular the online format