Minutes of the membership meeting of the European Association for Computer Science Logic (EACSL) in Edinburgh, Monday, September 23, 2002

The president of the EACSL, Marc Bezem, opens the meeting.
The number of participants is 30, the list of participants is attached.
Minutes taken by Martin Otto.
Meeting opened by the president, Marc Bezem, 18:00.
Agenda:

1. Confirmation of agenda.

2. Report on activities, including report from accountants for 2001.

3. Choice of the accountants for 2002.

4. Report from the CSL'02 programme committee (incl. the experiment with admitting journal submissions).

5. Announcement by the CSL'03 programme chair.

6. Election of new President, Vice President and Treasurer.
   The Board proposes Stewart, Makowsky and Lautemann.

7. Discussion on the relationship between EACSL and EATCS.

8. Future locations for CSL.

9. Miscellaneous.

Ad. 1 The agenda is confirmed as above.

Ad. 2 Clemens Lautemann (treasurer) presents the summary of accounts for the financial year 2001.
The credit balance at the end of the year 2001 stood at DM 11979.63 = EUR 6125.09,
compared to DM 12081.63 in the previous year.
Expenses in 2001 (bank fees): DM 102.00.
Membership has increased to 106 on 31 December 2001, up from 93 on 31 December 2000.
Membership fees collected at CSL 2001 will be transferred in 2002.
It is suggested to explore the possibility to earn some interest on savings.
After receiving the report from the accountants, Klaus Bartelmann and Stefan Wöhrle, the membership discharges the board for the year 2001.

Ad. 3 Heribert Vollmer and Dietmar Berwanger are proposed as accountants for the financial year 2002, and confirmed by acclamation.

Ad. 4 Julian Bradfield, chair of the programme committee for CSL'02, presents his report.
The key dates in the organisation of the conference were:
Announcement of intent to submit (with abstract): 29 March 2002;
Deadline for submission of full papers: 7 April, 2002;

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Notification: 4 June, 2002;
Final versions: 29 June, 2002;
Conference: September 21–25, 2002.
Number of participants: 85.
There were a total of 111 papers submitted, after 128 declarations of intent. Out of these 111 submissions, 37 papers were selected for the conference; 4 more than originally targeted could be accepted through the introduction of one extra session.
PC chair's statistics

Argentina	1	0	Lithuania	1	0
Australia	2	0	Mexico	1	0
Austria	2	2	Netherlands	2	1
Belgium	3	0	Norway	2	0
Brazil	2	0	Poland	4	1
Czech Republic	1	1	Portugal	1	0
France	21	6	Russia	1	1
Georgia	1	0	Slovakia	1	0
Germany	21	10	Spain	1	1
India	1	0	Sweden	3	0
Israel	1	0	Ukraine	1	0
Italy	5	1	United Kingdom	14	5
Japan	4	3	United States of America	12	5

Submissions by members of the programme committee were not allowed. Strict deadlines were kept. Every paper was allocated to at least 3 PC members. Decisions were reached in PC discussions, not based on numerical rankings from original (sub-)referees. Ultimately, every accepted paper had at least two PC champions together with two or three other supporting votes. All PC business was conducted electronically, using CyberChair.

In discussion following the report, a variety of views are expressed concerning the effect of having a submission deadline after LICS notification and policies regarding parallel submission of journal versions.
On the former, there seem to have been a couple of submissions of papers rejected for LICS, but their acceptance rate did apparently not differ significantly from the overall picture.
On the issue of parallel journal submission, CSL 02 allowed submssion of research already submitted to a journal, provided that (a) the PC chair is notified in advance that this is the case, and (b) it is not scheduled for journal publication before the conference. After some discussion, a recommendation is formally accepted, with two votes against, to consider the merits of such an open policy. No specific formulation is adopted, as it is felt the matter essentially has to remain at the discretion of the PC.

Ad. 5 Matthias Baaz reports as PC chair for CSL 03, which will be held in conjunction with ESSLI in Vienna. In particular it is planned to have four invited speakers, one joint with ESSLI.
General comments and discussion cover policies with respect to conference fees, travel support for Eastern European participants, and the deadlines (left to the discretion of PC).

Ad. 6 The membership elected Iain Stewart to become president, Janos Makowsky to become vice-president, Clemens Lauteman to remain treasuer. None of the elections was contested, proposals accepted by acclamation.
Thanks are expressed to Marc Bezem for his term as president.

Ad. 7 Relationship with EATCS is discussed, considerations generally perceived to be in an early exploratory phase. Iain Stewart, as the new president, asks for a confirmation by the membership, of the mandate for the board to continue exploration of possible future cooperation with EATCS and ICALP track B. This is approved by the membership.

Ad. 8 A proposal is presented by Jerzy Marcinkowski for the location of CSL'04, in (or near) Wroclaw, to

be organised by him. He presents two options, either a standard city location or a mountain resort hotel. Both options receive general support, and the board is advised to pursue corresponding plans.

Ad. 9 The treasurer briefly discusses the financial situation. It is felt that the present level of credit balance is sufficient to safeguard (and provide cash reserve for) future meetings. Beyond these requirements some money would now be available for other purposes.

Meeting closed at 19:25.

Attendance List
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