

Minutes of the Meeting of [EACSL](#), 2009

Coimbra, September 10, 2009, 18:30-20:30

[Agenda](#)

Present: (removed)

1. Confirmation of agenda.
Approved by acclamation.
 2. Choice of chair of meeting.
Proposal: **M. Baaz** (Vienna)
Approved by acclamation.
 3. Choice of secretary (Minutes of the meeting)
Proposal: **U. Berger** (Swansea).
Approved by acclamation.
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4. Report on General Meeting 2008 and Accounting
 - o [Minutes of 2008](#).
Resolution: Acceptance of Minutes of 2008
Approved unanimously.
 - o [Accounting 2008](#), [Signed report 2008](#), and [Financial report 2008](#).
The financial report was checked and confirmed by the accountants A. Blumensath and J. Adamek. The written confirmation was sent to T. Schwentick. The accountants confirmed this by sending an e-mail to the president.
Resolution on acceptance and discharge of the board
Approved unanimously.
 - o Election of accountants for 2009:
Candidates: A. Blumensath and J. Adamek
Resolution on accountants.
A. Blumensath and J. Adamek were elected unanimously as accountants for the next year.
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5. **Changes of the board of EACSL:**

The Board of the Association consists of the President, the Vice-President and at least 7 but not more than 10 other members.

Current members and duration of term.

- o **L. Beklemishev**, Moscow, Russian Federation, 2010
- o **M. Bezem**, Publicity chair, Bergen, Norway, 2013
- o **B. Courcelle**, Bordeaux, France, 2010
- o **A. Dawar**, Cambridge, England, 2013
- o **Z. Esik**, Szeged, Hungary, 2010 (EATCS)
- o **B. Loewe**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2011 (CiE)
- o **J. Makowsky** President, Haifa, Israel, 2009
- o **D. Niwinski** Vice-President, Warsaw, Poland, 2009
- o **L. Ong**, Oxford, UK, 2011
- o **T. Schwentick** Treasurer, Dortmund, Germany, 2010
- o **H. Veith** Darmstadt, Germany, 2013
- o **G. Winskel**, Cambridge, UK, 2010 (LiCS)

L. Beklemishev and B. Courcelle offered to free their seats prematurely now. D. Niwinski and J.A. Makowsky come to the end of their terms.

The assembly thanked the parting members for their services on the board and the Jury.

Election of new members: Proposed candidates: Reinhard Kahle (Lisbon, Portugal), Simona Ronchi della Rocca (Torino, Italy), Janos Makowsky (Haifa, Israel).

Each candidate was voted separately. All three candidates were accepted unanimously.

Election of president and vice-president for 2010-2014:

Proposed candidates: President: Damian Niwinski. Vice-president: Anuj Dawar.

Each candidate was voted separately. Both candidates were accepted unanimously.

J.A. Makowsky reminds the old and new members of the board of the importance of showing interest and active participation in important issues such as publication.

6. Jury of the Ackermann Award 2009

- R. Alur (Philadelphia),
- J. van Benthem (Amsterdam)
- P.-L. Curien (Paris),
- A. Dawar (Cambridge),
- A. Durand (Paris),
- M. Grohe (Berlin),
- M. Hyland (Cambridge),
- J.A. Makowsky (Haifa, President of EACSL),
- G. Plotkin (Edinburg, LICS Organizing Committee),
- A. Razborov (Moscow and Princeton).

The jury is appointed by the board.

Comments and Discussion: J.A. Makowsky emphasized the importance of impartiality of the jury. As president of the EACSL he did not vote in this year's decision. He also pointed out that the success of the Ackermann Award is mainly due to the prestigious jury and its good communication. The jury also was careful to avoid a candidate getting 2 prizes.

7. Sponsorship of the Ackermann Award

Comments and Discussion: The support by LOGITECH (which is running out) was acknowledged.

Sponsorship by the Kurt Gödel Society:

M. Baaz, vice president of the KGS, announced that future support for the AW will be provided by the KGS. The KGS will invite the winner (resp. one of the winners if there are two) to Vienna. Initially, support by the KGS will last for 3 years, but M. Baaz expects this to continue further.

The assembly applauded M. Baaz and the Kurt Gödel Society for this.

8. [Report on CSL'09](#) presented by R. Kahle.

- CSL'09 was colocated with PPDP and LOPSTR. There were 3 associated workshops (FICS, Gentzen centenary, LINEARITY) [the workshops were on the day after the AGM (remark by the secretary)].
- Registration: 78 registered for CSL, among those 5 for CSL+PPDP+LOPSTR, 7 for CSL+PPDP, 1 for CSL+LOPSTR.
- Invited speakers: There were 5 invited speakers funded by Portuguese research centres from Braga (1), Porto (1), Lisbon (3), Coimbra (2). There was also support by the KGS.
- Paper submission and acceptance: 122 abstracts, of which 89 were followed by full papers. 35 papers were accepted.
- Presentation: All invited and all but one contributed papers were presented at the conference. Invited talks lasted 1 hour, contributed talks 30 minutes. There were also 5 non-refereed *informal presentations* of 20 minutes each. The informal presentations are new to CSL. All times include 5 minutes for discussion.
- Publication: The invited and contributed papers were published in Springer LNCS volume. The board has accepted an offer by LMCS to publish a special issue of selected papers.
- **Discussion: What can we do to increase attendance?** Although figures are slightly up against CSL'08 there is still a need to explore possibilities of increasing attendance at future CSL

conferences.

- Proposal: Introduce non-refereed contributed communications to be presented in compact parallel sessions (10 minutes + 5 minutes discussion) not included in the published proceedings but listed on the conference web-page. Their main purpose is to allow presentation of
 - recent PhDs,
 - papers already accepted at other conferences, or journals,
 - work in progress,
 - work of PC members.

This year's informal presentations were considered successful, but they were not really informal and 20 minutes was too long.

- Proposal (under discussion with LiCS): Allow submissions of regular papers to be authored or co-authored by PC members. Discussion heated but majority slowly emerging against.
EACSL position till now: NO submissions of PC members, NO invited speakers from the board.
- Avoid time clashes with other conference. I.p. the date should not be too close to LICS. Also avoid overlapping of deadlines for abstracts and full papers with other conferences.

The assembly thanked Reinhard Kahle and his colleagues for an excellent organization of CSL'09.

9. CSL'10 (D. Niwinski):

- CSL 2010, 23-27 August: Brno (Czech Republic) together with [MFCS 2010](#), [PC CSL'10](#) and [Invited speakers CSL'10](#). [Further details](#).
- Currently, 7 associated workshops are registered (before and after the main conferences).
- There will be 5 joint plenary lectures (CSL and MFCS).
- Only few parallel sessions are planned.
- The conference fee will be 400-450 Euros for both conferences.
- There will be a special package for students which includes accommodation.

There was a short discussion about the conference fee which was considered too high by some.

10. CSL'11, CSI'12 and CSL'13 : Discussion and call for of proposals.

- 2011: Bergen, Norway (M. Bezem)
 - Conference relevant information about Bergen: climate, travel (airport only 15 km away), culture, nature.
 - Past experience: Calco 2007 (90 participants), WG 2006 (70), ALGO 2004 (300), SWAT workshop. Those conferences were mainly organized by the algorithms group, the largest CS group in Bergen.
 - Risk analysis: Small organising committee, high conference fee, expensive accommodation.
- 2012: suggestions (Turing Centenary): Darmstadt, Torino, Belgium, Manchester/Leeds.
- 2013: Together with CAV (and possibly with CSR) in St. Petersburg (Russia).

11. The current situation of EACSL (J.A. Makowsky)

- Proceedings in the future. Shall we stay with Springer? STACS decided not to. Alternatives. [New LNCS](#)
Discussion: No immediate decision needed, but we need feedback from the basis. There was a heated and controversial discussion on this question. Here are some arguments and opinions that were put forward:
 - There is a choice between profit and non-profit.
 - The main issue is accessibility after 20 years. Springer promises proper archivation.
 - LPAR submissions have not suffered from change. Quality is due to PC and not to publisher.
 - Maybe it is better to wait. The decision should be a decision of the whole [logic and computer science] community.
 - We need to have a clear idea of the value of a conference. Currently, conference proceedings do not count for bibliometric data. A change is necessary.

- Since LNCS is not a journal it does not appear on important listings (e.g. Thompsons and Reuters).
- Why not use the Dagstuhl server DROPS? (as STACS does)
- User the Dagstuhl series [LIPI](#)? Many join LIPI.
- ETAPS will stay with Springer.
- We have to go away eventually, the question is whether now or later. The change is happening.

At the end of the discussion there was a vote:

- leave Springer now (10),
- stay for one more year (3),
- the rest abstained.

- Cooperation with electronic journal LMCS (Logical Methods in Computer Science).

President of EACSL is on the scientific board

Publish special issue with selected papers from CSL08

- Cooperation with CiE (Computability in Europe), a series of conferences initiated by B. Cooper (Leeds), and B. Loewe (Amsterdam).

EACSL is an official sponsor of CiE-0x since 2007.

EACSL did contribute to cost of and co-selects one invited speaker in 2007, but not in 2008 and 2009, due to lack of funds.

- Cooperation with LICS
- Cooperation with FOLLI and ESSLI.

We did approach FOLLI to have a CSL-track at ESSLI and further cooperation.

- Scientific council of EACSL.

The council still has to be reorganized (as already stated in 2007)..

It contains a list of people who even are not aware of their membership.

The scientific council is an advisory body. Former board members are for five more years on the council. Other members should be chosen by the EACSL board. The scientific council should participate in discussions initiated by the board. They can also initiate discussion on topics of their choice.

- Fees and membership of EACSL

We decided last year to add to the 10 EURO annual membership a 10 EURO contribution for the Ackermann Award. So in the future 20 EURO per participant are paid to EACSL. We have to work out a way to distinguish non-members from members at registration.

Collecting fees from non-attending previous members. We shall try to encourage previous members to renew their membership (10 EURO per year, 40 EURO for 5 years) and to allow for electronic payment of membership. The contribution to Ackermann Award for non-attending members is on a voluntary basis.

Electronic payment of membership for non-attendees.

12. The future of EACSL

No discussion was held due to the lack of time.

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None.

At the end of the meeting the chairman, M. Baaz, thanked J.A. Makowsky for his excellent work for EACSL and pointed out that during his presidency the activities of EACSL increased dramatically. The assembly applauded J.A. Makowsky.

Signed: J.A. Makowsky and U. Berger