Minutes of the Meeting of EACSL, 2011

Bergen, September 13, 2011, 18:00-19:15.

Present (31 persons):

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(1) Confirmation of agenda

Approved by acclamation.

(2) Choice of chair of meeting

- Proposal: M. Otto (Darmstadt).
- Approved by acclamation.

(3) Choice of secretary (Minutes of the meeting)

- Proposal: A. Schubert (Warsaw).
- Approved by acclamation.

(4) Report on General Meeting 2010 and Accounting

(4a) Minutes of 2010

- Resolution on acceptance of Minutes of 2010.
- Approved unanimously.

(4b) Financial report 2010

The financial report was presented by D. Niwiński and earlier checked and confirmed by the accountants A. Blumensath and J. Adámek. The written confirmation was sent to T. Schwentick.

- Resolution on acceptance of the report and discharge of the board.
- Approved unanimously.

(4c) Election of accountants for 2011

- Proposed candidates: A. Blumensath and J. Adámek.
- Resolution on accountants.
- A. Blumensath and J. Adámek were elected unanimously.

(5) Changes of the EACSL board

- Terms for 2 board members ending in 2011: L. Ong, B. Löwe.
- Proposed candidates for those positions: L. Ong, B. Löwe.
- All candidates were approved unanimously.

(6) Report on the Ackermann Award 2011 (by J. Makowsky)

10 nominations for the Ackermann Award were received in 2011. The jury decided to give the award in 2011 to Benjamin Rossman.

- Kurt Gödel society will continue to sponsor the award.
- Vote on confirmation for the Ackermann Award Jury actions: unanimous confirmation.

(7) Report on CSL 2011

- Report from Local Organisers and from Program Committee presented by M. Bezem.
- Summary: CSL 2011, co-located with TYPES meeting, was successful with 135 total participants, 116 submitted titles with abstracts, 91 submitted papers and 37 accepted papers.
- Discussion on publishing proceedings under LIPIcs series.
- The editing rules in LIPIcs are sometimes unclear and not supported from EasyChair, but this is acceptable.
- General opinion on LIPIcs of the community is positive.
- Discussion on attendance rate in different conferences.
- Thanks for the local organisers.

(8) CSL 2012 in Fontainbleau, France (by P. Cégielski)

- Confirmation of dates by acclamation.
- Discussion on the impact of sponsorship on the fee.

(9) Suggestions for CSL 2013 and later

- Possible location 2013: Torino.
- Suggestion for 2014: London (S. van Bakel).
- N. Schweidkard might organise CSL some time after 2014.
- Discussion on possible joint event with LICS: 2014 at the earliest.
- Call for other suggestions.

(10) Current situation of EACSL (by D. Niwiński)

(10a) Discussion on experience with CSL proceedings in LIPIcs.

- Last year the General Assembly of EACSL decided to publish the CSL proceedings with LIPIcs rather than with Springer. LIPIcs accepted this proposal (for 5 years).
- M. Bezem reported good experience with LIPIcs.
- There has been no significant effect of the transition from Springer to LIPIcs on the number of submissions.

(10b) Discussion on collaboration with EATCS.

President of EACSL received a proposal from president of EATCS to strengthen the cooperation. The proposal assumed collection of EATCS membership fee (30 EUR) at CSL conference. But as we already collect the EACSL fee (20 EUR), this would be hard to implement. Nevertheless, the idea of bringing EACSL and EATCS closer together is worth to pursue.

(10c) Activity in ESSLLI.

- D. Niwiński and J. Makowsky advertised ESSLLI summer schools where logic topics are underrepresented.
- Discussion on the need to strengthen the scientific content of ESSLLI.

(10d) Discussion on the future of EACSL and CSL conferences.

- Suggestion by M. Vardi for joint conference replacing CSL and LICS.
- Applications of logic in specific fields are often presented on conferences within the field rather than within logic.
- LICS started at the same point as STOC and FOCS, but it is getting smaller while the other two are getting bigger.
- Pros and cons of merging. There would be less logic conferences in Europe, where most logicians work. Further discussion should be delegated to the steering committees of CSL and LICS.
- Suggestion by J.A.Makowsky to introduce tracks to CSL to attract more people. A positive impact of tracks at other conferences (FLOC, ETAPS) has been reported. Suggestion of ``free speech''sessions.

(10e) Varia.

- Under-representation of women scientist in logic has been noticed, which should be compensated by inviting more women as invited speakers.

Signed by D. Niwiński