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Minutes of the Meeting of EACSL, 2017

Stockholm, 22 August 2017, 18.00

Present (23 persons)

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(1) Confirmation of agenda

- Approved by acclamation.

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

- Proposal: Luigi Santocanale
- Approved by acclamation.

(3) Report on General Meeting 2016 and Accounting

(3a) Minutes of 2016

- Resolution on acceptance of Minutes of 2016
- Approved by acclamation.

(3b) Financial report 2016; and Audit report

- Resolution on acceptance of the report.
- Approved unanimously.

(3c) Election of accountants for 2017

- Proposed candidates: Christof Löding and Martin Mundhenk.
- Resolution on accountants.
- Christof Löding and Martin Mundhenk were elected unanimously.

(4) Changes of the Board of EACSL

- The term of Anuj Dawar as president of EACSL comes to an end. Proposal to elect Thomas Schwentick.
- Thomas Schwentick was elected unanimously.
- The term of Simona Ronchi Della Rocca as vice-president of EACSL comes to an end. Proposal to re-elect her for another term.
- Simona Ronchi Della Rocca was re-elected unanimously for next term (next five years).
- The term of Markus Lohrey as treasurer of EACSL comes to an end. Proposal to elect Dietrich Kuske.
- Dietrich Kuske was elected unanimously.

- Damian Niwinski's retires from the board after a long service. Motion to thank him for his service.
- Proposal to elect new members of the board: Mikołaj Bojańczyk, Anuj Dawar, Valentin Goranko
- Valentin Goranko, Anuj Dawar, and Mikołaj Bojańczyk were elected unanimously.

(5) Report on the Ackermann Award 2017

- The jury consisted of: Anuj Dawar; Orna Kupferman; Daniel Leivant; Dale Miller; Luke Ong; Jean-Éric Pin; Simona Ronchi Della Rocca, Thomas Schwentick.
- Chairman's report. 14 nominations for the Ackermann Award were received in 2017.
- All the nominations were excellent.
- Anuj Dawar raises the problem of gender distribution in the nominations: over the last 5 years, only 2 of 68 nominations were of female researchers. These data do not seem to reflect actual distribution of gender in our field.

(6) Report on CSL 2017

- Presented by Mads Dam (OC co-chair of CSL 2017).
- Summary: there were 98 submitted abstracts, 76 full submissions, 35 papers accepted, and the acceptance ratio was 46%. This year the CSL conference included for the first time short presentations. There were 8 accepted short presentations, of which 3 were from invitations to non accepted authors, and 5 other presentations submitted as short talks. The inscription fees (that did not include lunches) were moderated. Sponsorships were necessary to reduce fees. There were 92 participants.
- The question was raised whether there should be a formal CSL policy for conflicts of interest during the reviewing process. As a matter of fact, during the reviewing process, it was observed that a sub-reviewer had a past collaboration with the author of the paper being reviewed. As the collaboration was limited and on another topic, the conflict was eventually judged irrelevant.
- The conference dates were conflicting with those of the MFCS conference. Proposal to post the dates of related conferences on the EACSL website.
- Anuj Dawar asked for a feedback on short talks and on how to have more participants. Valentin Goranko, in favour of providing shirt talks, pointed out the difficulty of scheduling the short talks in the 4 days of the CSL conference. He proposed to either extend the conference length to 5 days, or to organise parallel sessions. Is was also proposed to shorten the length of shirt talks to 10 or 5 minutes (this year the slot for a short talk was 20 minutes).

(7) Future CSL Conferences

- CSL 2018 will be held in Birmingham on 4-7 September, 2018.
- The principal scientist organising CSL 2018 is Dan Ghica.
- Proposal to change criteria for acceptance of papers
- Dan Ghica proposes to accept papers based on the base of absolute merit instead of top 35 submissions, as done for example in the LICS and POPL conferences. It is observed that this was principle was not actually in use for the joint LICS-CSL 2014 conference in Vienna. In order to increase the number of participants, it is proposed to have poster sessions and/or to reduce the slot length of regular talks. It is propsed to accept good papers and cut then the length of regular talks, if necessary for scheuling all the talks. Thomas Schwentick worries about the timing of the CSL conference which, being scheduled after the LlCS conference, does not receive the best submissions from the computer science logic community.
- Discussion on CSL 2019 and CSL 2020.
- Contacts are undergoing with local scientists to organise CSL 2019 in Barcelona and CSL 2020 in Amsterdam.

(8) Any Other Business

- Motion of appreciation of Anuj Dawar's service as president of EACSL during the last term.

- It is proposed to have different periods (e.g. January) for the CSL conference, both to avoid overlaps with other conferences and to avoid being immediately after the LICS conference (thus improving quality of the submissions).