



EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND  
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MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE  
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY (EUSFLAT)

In Zittau (Germany), the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2003, at 17:35, the assembly of EUSFLAT, presided by Professor Luis Magdalena, congregates in the University of Zittau in order to develop the following agenda:

1. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Leicester assembly
2. Report of the board
3. Report of the treasurer and approval, if there is agreement, of the financial report
4. Adaptation of the Society to new regulations
5. Elections to the Board
6. AOB (Any other business)

***1. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Leicester assembly.***

Professor Magdalena suggests a typographical change in the title of the minutes which were previously sent to members of the Association; thus, instead of "... the European Society of Fuzzy Logic..." it is suggested to write "... "... the European Society for Fuzzy Logic...".

With this change, the minutes of the assembly in Leicester in 2001 are approved by assent.

***2. Report of the Board.***

The President of the Society, Pr. Magdalena presents the report of the activities of the Society for the last two years.

Pr. Magdalena presents the website for the Society that has been settled (<http://www.eusflat.org>). This website enables the Society to spread information to members about research groups, research projects, conferences, teaching activities... At the present time, this website lacks information from members. It would be good if members send this kind of information. Moreover, it would be interesting if members send a brief summary of PhD. Dissertation to be added to the website. It is also recalled that members can send any information regarding conferences to be announced on this website.

Concerning research groups, Pr. Martin Kalina makes the proposition of a new working group which topic will be related to "Fuzzy relations".

Afterwards, Pr. Magdalena presents information related to the activities of the IFSA society.

The IFSA council has already decided the place for the next conferences it will take place in Beijing (Asia) in 2005, in Cancun (America) in 2007. The location for the conference in 2009 has not been decided by now but it should take place in Europe or in Africa. The IFSA council will be convened during the next Fuzz-IEEE'04 conference in Budapest. The election for the next IFSA president will occur during the IFSA conference in Beijing. Pr. Magdalena says that it should be a good idea for the Society to support a candidate.

Pr. Novak asks if the EUSFLAT is a registered association. Pr. Magdalena answers that the Society is a registered association in Spain. Pr. Esteva says that there exists no registration rule for a non lucrative society in Europe. Pr. Magdalena specifies that a registered association in Spain is recognized as a registered association in the whole European Union.

Pr. Magdalena recalls that the “*Mathware and Soft Computing*” (MSC) journal needs papers. He recalls to members to submit papers in time to be published and to be indexed by the Citation Index.

The MSC journal will have a new website. Pr. Gottwald suggests that it could also be a good idea to include the journal in the Mathematical reviews.

Pr. Magdalena summarizes the student grants offered by the Society to students.

For the AGOP workshop (in Spain, July 2003), 4 grants have been allowed for a total amount of 1025€ For the current EUSFLAT conference in Zittau, 14 grants have been allowed to students from several countries for a total amount of 2133€

Other options than student grants are studied: best paper awards, grants for other events. A set of guidelines will be presented for the grant process: grant announcement in the call for paper of the supported event, announcement of the grants before the deadline for submission of papers, constraints of eligibility for the grants (for instance the advisor should be a member of EUSFLAT)...

Pr. Klawon suggests to grant a best paper award and to encourage publications in the MSC journal as a price.

Pr. Magdalena suggests that papers should be submitted to national representatives of the Society in order to be considered for best paper awards.

Pr. Magdalena introduces the important topic related to the role of national representatives. He proposes that they relay the announcement of EUSFLAT-related events. They should also compile information from the community and send it to the Society. Pr. Esteva recalls to members that it is very important to include students into the Society. He encourages people to register their students in the Society.

### ***3. Report of the treasurer***

Pr. Vicenc Torra presents the report of the treasurer for the last two years.

The number of members of the Society is difficult to know precisely before the end of the EUSFLAT conference here in Zittau that will enables us to know how many people paid the EUSFLAT fees within the fees of the conference.

Pr. Torra recalls the current number of members before the meeting: 160 members. It is highlighted that 110 members come from Spain, 13 members come from Germany, 8 members come from Belgium, 4 members come from France, etc.

After its presentation, the report of the treasurer is approved by assent by the assembly.

### ***4. Adaptation of the Society to new regulations***

Pr. Magdalena informs us that the Spanish laws have been changed last year. The bylaws of the EUSFLAT Society need no change but they require a formal agreement: the assembly must formally accept the new laws.

This new laws are approved by assent.

### ***5. Election of the board***

Pr. Perfilieva discusses about the flexibility of the current election process. The current procedure is to propose a whole team in which each position should agree with the whole team. Pr. Perfilieva proposes to adapt this procedure to a procedure she considers to be more flexible: a candidate proposed separately for each position.

Pr. Dubois says that the proposition of a complete team is rather more coherent but less flexible. A solution could be to allow overlapping of lists to enable intersections.

Pr. Novak says that the rule saying that a member should agree with the whole list is perhaps not very convenient.

Pr. Esteva recalls that the current procedure of candidature has been introduced to give importance to the program of the proposed team.

For the current election process, only one list is proposed. This list is composed of the current board:

President: Luis Magdalena

Vice President: Rudolf Kruse

Treasurer: Vicenç Torra

Secretary: Christophe Marsala

Special tasks:

Grants: Bernard De Baets

MSC journal delegate: Juan Luis Castro

Newsletter: Francisco Herrera

Website: Ulrich Bodenhofer

Working groups Radko Mesiar

This proposal for the board is approved by the assembly by assent.

With no more subjects to be discussed, the session terminated at 18h50.

As secretary, I certify all of this.

Paris, September 17th, 2003.

Christophe Marsala