



E U S F L A T

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

In Perugia (Italy), the 7th of July 2004, at 15:15, the assembly of EUSFLAT, presided by Professor Luis Magdalena, congregates in the University of Perugia in order to develop the following agenda:

1. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Zittau assembly
2. Report of the board
3. Report of the treasurer and approval, if there is agreement, of the financial report
4. Any other business

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

The minutes of the previous assembly in Zittau in 2003 are approved by assent.

Pr. Montseny suggests that the minutes will be sent to members by email. Pr. Magdalena recalls that the minutes of EUSFLAT assembly can already be consulted on the website of the Society (<http://www.eusflat.org>).

2. Report from the Board.

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

Subscription of journals

First of all, he presents the report concerning the journal subscriptions that could be taken by members through the Society.

Pr. Montseny asks if there exists the possibility to offer electronic subscription. Pr. Magdalena answers that such thing is generally offered for big society, not for individual, and it could not be affordable for us. But it is a proposition that should be studied deeper.

MSC journal

Pr. Magdalena presents the reports concerning the “Mathware and Soft Computing” (MSC) journal. A regular issue has been published in September 2003. Now, there are only 7 submitted papers, and the journal need submissions of papers!

It is recalled that submissions can be made online by means of the website of the journal (<http://docto-si.ugr.es/Mathware/>). It is important to have submissions in order to be referenced for instance by the Citation Index that uses the timeline of publications to rank journals.

Working groups

Concerning the working groups of the EUSFLAT society, there are by now 6 existing working groups (see <http://www.eusflat.org/research/wgroups.htm>). There are also the propositions for 2 new working groups that have been made.

It is recalled that working groups are encouraged to organize special sessions in conferences and in particular for the EUSFLAT conferences.

Board election

Pr. Magdalena presents some news concerning the next board election that will occur in September 2005, during the next EUSFLAT meeting at Barcelona (<http://cubisme.upc.es/eusflat05/>).

A set of guidelines for the process of the election has been proposed (see <http://www.eusflat.org/society/guidelines.htm>). Some precisions have been added to the process. The call for candidates will be sent at least 3 months before the elections. A legal candidature should be a complete list of at least six members of the Society. In a list, nominal candidates for the position of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, must be presented. A letter of acceptance by each nominated members must be mailed to the secretary before the deadline. Each candidate must be an actual member of the EUSFLAT Society. The candidate for the position of President should be a member of the Society for at least 2 years.

Moreover, overlapping between lists will be allowed.

The candidate lists will be announced before the assembly and visible through the web. The Guidelines will be published as soon as possible.

Organisation of EUSFLAT conferences

The next EUSFLAT conference (EUSFLAT'05) will be held in Barcelona, in September 2005 (<http://cubisme.upc.es/eusflat05/>). For the first time, it will be possible to pay the EUSFLAT fees for 2 years with the payment of the fees of the conference.

For the EUSFLAT'07 conference, the guidelines for organizing conferences edited by the board should be followed. The decision of the location will be taken by the new EUSFLAT board that will be elected during the EUSFLAT'05 conference.

Student grants

The EUSFLAT society has erected a set of clear rules and guidelines to offer student grants to financially support some students that attend a conference.

For the first time, student grants were offered to attend the conference EUSFLAT'03, in Zittau.

The new process that has been put in place, states that 10 grants will be offered for each EUSFLAT conference on odd year, and for even years, 2 conferences supported by the Society will be elected to receive a set of student grants.

A set of guidelines will be available soon on the website of the Society.

IFSA

Pr. Magdalena recalls that the IFSA Society is now registered in Finland. The next IFSA conference (IFSA'05) will be held in Beijing (China), the IFSA'07 Conference will be held in Cancun (Mexico).

The next president elect for IFSA will be elected in Beijing during IFSA'05. The next president elect of IFSA should certainly come from a European country. Thus, as it is highly concerned, it should be good if the EUSFLAT Society supports a candidate.

The voting right of the EUSFLAT Society is related to the fees that have been paid (*lower cost*).

Pr. Magdalena recalls that a new Society has joined IFSA: the Hispanic-American Fuzzy System Association (HAFSA).

New regulations for the EUSFLAT Society

The process needed by the new rules for associations in Spain is done: the EUSFLAT Society is now registered in Spain and thus it is registered according to European Union rules.

A new rule that is stated in the new law is related to the nationality of the members of the board: a member of the board must be a national of the European Union.

National representatives

A discussion arises concerning the role of the national representatives (NR) for the Society.

It is highlighted that, NR should recall the members of their country to pay regularly the Society fees. NR should also:

- Serve as a contact for relaying information from the board to the members in their country, and from the members to the board.
- Help the board to compile information related to fuzzy logic in their country (research groups, ...).
- Serve as an "entry point" for new members to the Society.

3. Report from the treasurer

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

Pr. Torra recalls that 153 members have paid their fees for 2004 (before the IPMU meeting), around 100 are from Spain, 12 from Germany, 7 from Belgium, 5 from France...

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

4. Any other business

Discussion arises from questions from the assembly.

Concerning the EUSFLAT'05 reduced prize for IFSA member, the applicant must ask to the secretary of IFSA to prove their membership.

Pr. Esteva asks if IFSA do something for the EUSFLAT Society.

Pr. Kacprzyk answers that IFSA gives support ("IFSA Endorsement") to conferences. A set of grants are given directly to conferences that redistribute it.

A question is asked related to what should be done for the Mathware Journal. It is recalled that special issues has to be prepared, a good idea will be to encourage organizers of special tracks from conferences to handle such a special issues.

Pr. Magdalena recalls too that issues should be published in time to encourage people to submit to the journal.

Pr. Verdegay recalls that editing a journal is practically a professional task, and that people handling that do their best but there is not enough papers submitted by now. A solution he proposes is to be edited by a publisher like Kluwer or Elsevier.

Pr. Kacprzyk suggests adding other Societies to be involved in the journal, like for instance the new HAFSA that has no journal on its own.

With no more subjects to be discussed, the session terminated at 16h30.

As secretary, I certify all of this.

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