



E U S F L A T

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

In Paris (France), the 4th of July 2006, at 19:00, the assembly of EUSFLAT, presided by Professor Ulrich Bodenhofer, congregates in the University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris in order to develop the following agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Barcelona assembly (2005)
2. Report on activities of the board
3. Treasury report and approval of the financial report (if there is agreement)
4. Application of Soft Computing in Image Processing (SCIP) Working Group to become a EUSFLAT Working group and approval (if there is agreement)
5. Any other business

1. Greetings to renowned participants

The President of the Society, Prof. Bodenhofer expresses his greetings to Prof. Lotfi A. Zadeh and previous Presidents of EUSFLAT – Prof. F. Esteva and Prof. L. Magdalena who attend the assembly.

2. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Barcelona assembly

The minutes of the previous assembly in Barcelona 2005 are approved by assent.

3. Report from the Board

The President of the Society, Prof. Bodenhofer presents the report of activities of the Society during the last year.

Registration of the new EUSFLAT board

At the beginning Prof. Bodenhofer expresses thanks to Prof. L. Godo and Dr. O. Gordon for their successful efforts towards the registration of the new EUSFLAT board. The process of registration is almost finished except the final nomination.

Then Prof. Bodenhofer continues with the following:

- *Treasure.* The treasure affairs moved under responsibility of Dr. O. Gordon;
- *Hungarian Fuzzy Association.* Prof. Bodenhofer reports about discussions with the Hungarian Fuzzy Association (HFA) to increase cooperation again after some difficulties in the past. He plans to visit the representatives of the society, Profs. I. Rudas and J. Fodor during summer to discuss details.
- *Grants.* Seven grants have been awarded to students (five of them got fully paid accommodation) to attend the 10th IPMU Conference in Paris.
All information concerning these grants (how to apply, guidelines for conference organizers, etc.) and the name of the past grant recipients can be found on the website of the Society (<http://www.eusflat.org/members/grants.htm>).
- *Newsletter.* Two issues have been issued:
 - Volume 1, No 1, issued in December 2005.
 - Volume 2, No 1, issued in April 2006.

Two other numbers of Volume 2 will appear this year. Pdf-file with the text of a Newsletter (<http://www.eusflat.org/publications/newsletter.htm>) is available freely on a website of EUSFLAT. Everybody is encouraged to submit a contribution to a forthcoming Newsletter. The following topics are welcomed:

- Information of running and preparing projects,
 - Abstracts of current PhD Theses,
 - Books announcements and reviews,
 - Conference announcements,
 - Software announcements.
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- *Working groups.* There are by now 7 existing working groups (see <http://www.eusflat.org/research/wgroups.htm>) however, not all of them show activity and did not reply to the message which had been sent by Dr. Eyke Hüllermeier.
 - *Mathware and Soft Computing (MSC) journal.* Volume 12, N1 is in press and expected to be issued in August (thanks to the active help of Prof. H. Jacas). One year is still needed to be referenced by the Journal Citation Report. Prof. Bodenhofer calls for submitting contributions and organizing special issues.
 - *Endorsed conferences.* Ten passed (including the IPMU'06) and upcoming six conferences have been endorsed by EUSFLAT.
 - *Next EUSFLAT Conference.* The next EUSFLAT Conference will be in September, 2007 in Ostrava (<http://www.eusflat2007.cz/>).
 - *Plans for the future.* Prof. Bodenhofer proposes to renew the membership procedure and the fee payment. A new leaflet of EUSFLAT should be issued and widely spread in order to increase the visibility of the Society.

The report from the Board has been approved by assent.

New decision about non-active working groups

Prof. Bodenhofer proposes to suspend non-active working groups and remove them from the list. Prof. S. Gottwald suggests to leave a possibility of reactivation within one or two years. With this remark the proposition has been approved by the Assembly.

4. Treasury Report

The report has been presented by The President of the Society, Prof. Bodenhofer:

- The Society now has 171 members from 19 countries (registered and paid before 28.06.06). The majority of members are from Spain. In comparison with the year 2005 (335 members) the number of members went down. This is explained by the fact that the organization fee for the Conference EUSFLAT'05 was accepted as a membership fee of the Society.
- The journal subscription for the year 2006 went down.

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

5. Application of Soft Computing in Image Processing (SCIP) Working Group to become a EUSFLAT Working group

The presentation of SCIP working group is given by Dr. D. Van der Weken: the group has more than 153 active members from 39 countries. More than 10 special sessions on international conferences have been organized, 2 books (the third one is coming) and one special issue of the journal of Soft Computing have been prepared and published.

The application to become a EUSFLAT Working group has been approved with a proposal to all of SCIP working group members to join the Society.

6. Any other business

- Prof. Bodenhofer proposes to nominate vice-president Prof. Lluís Godó to act for the Board as its Representative. *Approved*
 - Prof. Novak proposes to introduce an electronic application form for membership in the Society.
 - Prof. Kacprzyk expresses his satisfaction with the achieved agreement with HFA and hopes that Russia and Nordic Fuzzy Associations will join the Society in a nearest future. He also proposes to use the EUSFLAT Conference in Ostrava as a joint conference of different associations.
 - Prof. Esteva shares the experience of Spanish Association of attracting diploma students to become active members of the Society.
 - Prof. Montero supports the idea to establish a year membership in the Society from October of a current year till the next September.
 - Prof. Perfilieva proposes to issue Proceedings of EUSFLAT conferences in the electronic form only. This proposition causes a discussion. Finally, a decision of leaving hard copies of Proceedings has been accepted.
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With no more subjects to be discussed, the session terminated at 20.30 p.m.

As a Secretary, I certify all of this.

Ostrava, September 10, 2006.

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