



EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

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<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY (EUSFLAT)</p>
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In Ostrava (Czech Republic), the 13th of September 2007, at 18:45, the assembly of EUSFLAT, presided by the Vice-President of the Society, Professor Lluís Godó, congregates in the Congress Hall in the hotel Imperial, Ostrava in order to develop the following agenda:

1. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Paris assembly (2006)
2. Report of the Board
3. Report of the Treasurer and approval, if there is agreement, of the financial report
4. Presentation of proposals for new working groups and approval (if there is agreement)
5. Election of new EUSFLAT Board
6. Any other business

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

The minutes have been made available for download on the EUSFLAT homepage: <http://www.eusflat.org/documents/minutes-assembly-2006.pdf>

The minutes of the Paris assembly are approved by assent of the Assembly.

2. Report from the Board

The Vice-President of the Society, Professor Lluís Godó reports on activities of the Society during the last year.

Organizational/political affairs

- Discussion with Hungarian Fuzzy Association (HFA): agreement on mutual discount of 25% (similar to agreement with two Spanish national societies).
- Discussion with IFSA on possible cooperation in organization of the 13th IFSA Congress and the 6th EUSFLAT Conference in Lisbon: final positive decision on this matter has been made in London at the end of July. This issue has been reported by the President of IFSA, Prof. J. Kacprzyk. He informed that IFSA Proceedings are planned to be published either in LNAI or in the Advances of Soft Computing, both are in the ISI list.

- From this year on, a new rule will be implemented: the members who have paid their membership through their EUSFLAT conference registration, will be eligible for a 15-month membership (till the end of the next full year); the non-member supplement will be at least € 50.

Grants

- 4 grants have been awarded for the 4th International Summer School on Aggregation Operators (AGOP 2007), Gent, Belgium, July 9–14, 2007
- 3 grants have been awarded for the 1st Summer Course on Future Directions in Soft Computing, Mieres, Spain, July 9–13, 2007
- 7 grants have been awarded for EUSFLAT 2007
- Find details on <http://www.eusflat.org/members/grants.htm>

EUSFLAT Newsletter

- Newsletter appears regularly since December 2005: Vol. 1, No. 1; Vol. 2, Nos. 1–3; Vol. 3, Nos. 1&2. Freely available as PDF on <http://www.eusflat.org/publications/newsletter.htm>
- One more issue planned for this year: Vol. 3, No. 3. Deadline for contributions: December 12, 2007
- Contributions for inclusions in newsletter are expected to report on:
 - *Descriptions of research groups*
 - *Announcements/descriptions of international projects (e.g. EU Framework Program)*
 - *Abstracts of PhD theses*
 - *Book announcements and reviews*
 - *Conference announcements and reviews*
 - *Software announcements and reviews*
- Contributions are expected to have at most one page (8pt on A4 paper with 15mm margin) and to be sent to newsletter@eusflat.org.

Working Groups (Prof. E. Hüllermeier reports on this issue)

- According to decision at the Paris assembly, the following working groups have been suspended:
 - *WG on Decision Analysis and Related Techniques:*
 - *WG on Generalized Measures*
 - *WG on Neuro-Fuzzy Systems*
- EUROFUSE has withdrawn itself from its status as EUSFLAT WG on Operations Research
- WG Soft Computing in Image Processing has been accepted at Paris assembly
- Four new working groups are to be proposed in this assembly

Mathware & Soft Computing —Current Status and Call for Action

- 17 papers received Sept. 2006 – Sept. 2007 (7 accepted, 5 rejected, 3 to be revised, 2 under review)
- First 2007 issue sent to printing office in July

- Special issue devoted to EUSFLAT-LFA 2005 (Vol. XII, no. 3) has been published this year, too
- For second regular 2007 issue, 2–3 more accepted papers are necessary
- Current impact factor: 0.29

- All EUSFLAT members are asked to help Mathware to get into ISI. For this, EUSFLAT members are invited to:
 - *submit papers,*
 - *organize special issues,*
 - *do the review fast!*

Endorsed conferences.

- Twelve passed and upcoming eight conferences have been endorsed by EUSFLAT. Visit <http://www.eusflat.org/events/> for more information.

Next EUSFLAT Conference.

- The 13th IFSA World Congress and the 6th EUSFLAT Conference will be in *Lisbon, Portugal, July 19–23, 2009.*

The report from the Board has been approved by assent of the Assembly.

3. Treasury Report

The report has been presented by the Vice-President Lluís Godó:

The Society now has 181 members from 23 countries (registered and paid before 06.09.07):

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| • Austria 6 | • Belgium 7 |
| • Brazil 1 | • Czech Republic 7 |
| • Egypt 1 | • Finland 2 |
| • France 2 | • Germany 9 |
| • Greece 2 | • India 1 |
| • Iran 1 | • Italy 10 |
| • Latvia 1 | • Lebanon 1 |
| • Malta 1 | • Pakistan 1 |
| • Poland 5 | • Romania 4 |
| • Spain 111 | • UK 3 |
| • Serbia/Mont. 2 | • Slovakia 2 |
| • Vietnam 1 | |

By the end of the year 2006, the Society possesses a positive amount of funds (more details are in the treasurer's report).

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

4. Presentation of proposals for new working groups

Four proposals for new EUSFLAT Working Groups have been received for decision in this assembly:

- WG on Mathematical Fuzzy Logic

Coordinators: Petr Cintula and Carles Noguera i Clofent.

The presentation of WG is given by the Coordinator Dr. Carles Noguera. The proposal has been approved by the Assembly.

- WG on Philosophical Foundations

Coordinators: Rudolf Seising and Enric Trillas

The presentation of WG is given by the Coordinator Dr. Rudolf Seising. The proposal has been approved by the Assembly.

- WG on Soft Computing in Database Management and Information Retrieval

Coordinators: Guy De Tré, Gabriella Pasi, and Sławomir Zadrozny

The presentation of WG is given by Prof. J. Kacprzyk. The proposal has been approved by the Assembly.

- WG on Genetic Fuzzy Systems

Coordinators: Jorge Casillas and Brian Carse.

Nobody from the WG attended the Assembly. This fact gave reason to Prof. V. Novák to cast doubt on approving this WG. Prof. L. Godo informed the Assembly that (in his opinion) the absence is due the All-Spanish conference in Computer Science. The proposal has been approved by the majority with one voice against.

5. Board Election

The call for candidatures has been sent out by the president on June 22, 2007; the announced deadline was July 20, 2007. One candidature has been received by the Secretary on July 20, 2007; it fulfills the formal requirements. The Candidature is presented to the Assembly by the Secretary Irina Perfilieva.

Candidature:

Board of Directors:

President: Ulrich Bodenhofer, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria

Vice-President: Lluís Godo, Institut d'Investigació en Intel·ligència Artificial, Bellaterra, Spain

Secretary: Irina Perfilieva, University of Ostrava, Ostrava, Czech Republic

Treasurer: Jorge Casillas, University of Granada, Granada, Spain

Special Responsibilities:

Web: Ulrich Bodenhofer, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria

Members Management: Thomas Vetterlein, European Centre for Soft Computing, Mieres, Spain

Mathware & Soft Computing: Juan Luis Castro, University of Granada, Granada, Spain

Newsletter: Vicenç Torra, Institut d'Investigació en Intel·ligència Artificial, Bellaterra, Spain

Grants: Bernard De Baets, Ghent University, Gent, Belgium

Working groups: Eyke Hüllermeier, Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Germany

Program of the Candidates:

- More sophisticated members management with better integration of homepage
- Seek cooperation with more European societies (similar to HFA)
- Get Mathware & Soft Computing into ISI
- Organization of summer school(s)
- Increasing the visibility of the society
- Attract more members (in particular, non-Spanish ones)

The Candidature has been approved by assent of the unanimity of the EUSFLAT Assembly.

6. Any other business

- Prof. S. Jenei raises two problems: weak interest to Mathware and its effort to get into ISI. In the foregoing discussion, he proposes that Drs. K. Maes and T. Vetterlein could submit certain extractions of their newly elected best papers to the second issue of the journal. He also proposes that members of new working groups could submit their extended contributions to the third and following issues. Prof. E. Hüllermeier makes a motion suggesting to include the principal coordinators of all the working groups to the Editorial Board. Prof. I. Perfilieva addresses the problem of special issues to the coordinators of working groups.
- Prof. V. Novák thanks all the attendees for participating EUSFLAT 2007 and regrets that many EUSFLAT members, especially from Spain, did not come. He asks Prof. J. Kacprzyk the question, why participants of the last IFSA Congress in Cancun did not obtain all volumes of the Proceedings?
- Prof. L. Godo explained that the absence is due to various Spanish conferences which are parallel with EUSFLAT 2007.
- Prof. J. Kacprzyk explained that the IFSA Proceedings were published in Lecture Notes series. This step caused financial problems to the organizing committee and lead to the unpopular decision.
- Prof. A. Gegov asks information about summer schools. Prof. R. Mesiar reported that two upcoming summer schools are already agreed, the information will appear on EUSFLAT web pages.

With no more subjects to be discussed, the Assembly terminated at 20 p.m.

As a Secretary, I certify all of this.

Ostrava, September 13, 2007.

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