

# EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

## EUSFLAT

### Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2016

Eindhoven, June 21, 2016

The assembly starts at 17:50, ten minutes later than as scheduled.

#### **Agenda:**

- 1.- EUSFLAT Board Report
- 2.- Treasury Report \*
- 3.- Working Groups \*
- 4.- EUSFLAT Awards \*
- 5.- Endorsed Conferences and Related Associations
- 6.- EUSFLAT Grants
- 7.- Mathware and Soft Computing Journal
- 8.- International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems
- 9.- EUSFLAT Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications
- 10.- Other issues

\* Requires a decision

#### **1.- EUSFLAT Board report.**

President:	Gabriella PASI, Italy
Vice President:	Bernard DE BAETS, Belgium
Secretary:	José María ALONSO, Spain
Treasurer:	Susana MONTES, Spain
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland
Connections with other Societies and Conferences:	Javier MONTERO, Spain
Connections with the IJCIS Journal:	Jie LU, Australia
EUSFLAT Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Link to European Projects:	Vicenc TORRA, Spain
Link to Industry:	Rudolf KRUSE, Germany
Organisation/Promotion of Scientific Events:	Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA, Czech Republic
Recruitment:	Marie-Jeanne LESOT, France
Student Grants:	Brunella GERLA, Italy
Web Coordination:	Jorge CASILLAS, Spain
Working Groups:	Slawomir ZADROZNY, Poland

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** leads the assembly because neither the President of EUSFLAT, **Gabriella Pasi**, nor the vice-president, **Bernard de Baets**, were able to attend IPMU2016 conference.

EUSFLAT membership stats were reported. The main number – the current number of members – equals to 214 (June 2016).

## **2.- Treasury Reports: 2016 Expected Budget, 2017 Proposed Budget.**

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** informed about the treasury reports provided by the EUSFLAT treasurer, **Susana Montes**, who was not able to attend IPMU2016 conference. The main features were as follows:

2016 expected budget surplus: -2546.38 EUR

2017 proposed budget surplus: -1300.00 EUR

December 31, 2017 proposed account situation: 32,996.12 EUR

**The 2016 expected budget and the 2017 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly.**

## **3.- Working Groups**

**Slawomir Zadrozny** provides the society with a report on Working group activities.

Firstly, he mentions the main features and goals of working groups, secondly he recalls the most typical activities of working groups, in general. He makes emphasis in the need to reactivate or cancel some WGs. Groups are usually more active in EUSFLAT conferences and when they were recently created. Furthermore, **Slawomir Zadrozny** provides a detailed review of each working group activity.

Finally, the proposal to establish a new *Working Group on Fuzzy logic-based decision modeling in economics and social sciences* (FULDESS) is provided. **Gisella Facchinetti** from University of Salerno (Italy), one of the new WG coordinators, attended the Assembly and gave a few words about the new WG.

**The new Working Group FULDESS was approved by all members taking part in the Assembly.**

## **4.- EUSFLAT Awards**

**Slawomir Zadrozny** recalls the existing EUSFLAT awards and the related rules. He presents the board proposal of Janusz Kacprzyk as Honorary Member of the EUSFLAT Society.

**This candidature was approved by all EUSFLAT members participating on the Assembly.**

Congratulations to the awardee!

It is worthy to note that this award will be given on the upcoming Gala dinner of the next EUSFLAT 2017 conference, to be held in Warsaw (Poland), September 12-15, 2017.

All details regarding EUSFLAT awards are published on <http://eusflat.org/awards.php>

## **5.- Endorsed Conferences and Related Associations**

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** presents slides provided by **Javier Montero** who was not able to attend IPMU2016. He recalls the existing agreements with other associations that provide EUSFLAT members with the benefit of membership fees or conference fees discounts, namely HFA, NAFIPS, NSAIS, RAFSSoftCom, SIGEF, ACIA, SBA, IRSS.

Exhaustive list of supported and endorsed conference is provided as well.

## 6.- EUSFLAT Grants

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** provides the society with a short report on student grants, provided by **Brunella Gerla** who was not able to attend IPMU2016. From 12 to 20 grants per each year are being awarded as a general society strategy with a support of the EUSFLAT conference in odd years, the support of other conferences in even years, and the EUSFLAT school (SFLA) each year. In 2015, the society assigned 21 grants (2 for AGOP, 9 for IFSA-EUSFLAT, and 10 for SFLA). In 2016, there are 13 grants planned to be awarded or already awarded (2 awarded to IPMU plus 3 additional ones covered by organizers, 3 awarded to LFA and 8 planned to be awarded to SFLA).

The formal rules including the process of an application and instructions for applicants are published on the society web page <http://eusflat.org>. The rules for conference organizers are being specified as well, the main one that has to be emphasized, is the necessity to offer reduced conference fees to our society members.

## 7.- Mathware & SC Magazine

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** presents the short report on Mathware & SC magazine provided by **Humberto Bustince** who was not able to attend the assembly.

Call for contributions, namely scientific reports, summaries of forums, panels, news and calls (PhD thesis, books, comments, events, etc.) is emphasized! The student grant awardees are asked to contribute to the Mathware & SC magazine. Contributions may be submitted via <http://eusflat.org/msc> or using the editor-in-chief email address [bustince@unavarra.es](mailto:bustince@unavarra.es).

## 8.- IJCIS

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** provides briefly the society with a summary of the report on the IJCIS journal and its activities, provided by **Luis Martínez** and **Jie Lu**, who were not able to attend the assembly. In short, the number of accepted papers decreased, the impact factor increased (to 0.574 in 2015), which confirms that the recently introduced initiatives and actions were very positive. The most important announcement is that IJCIS will become open source journal in 2017. Pay charge is expected to be 350 euros. This means EUSFLAT will stop paying to IJCIS the annual quota of members. New benefits for EUSFLAT members are still under negotiation.

## 9.- EUSFLAT Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** presents the details related to the upcoming EUSFLAT European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications organized at Hotel Celadenka, Celadna, Beskydy mountains, Czech Republic, in August 14-19, 2016. The duration of the school will be 5 days and the registration fee will include accommodation and full board. A list of recognized scholars, who will contribute as lecturers on the school, was also provided.

**Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** also named the main features of the school including the possibility to present posters or short presentations on the school in order to use the option of getting a feedback from the lecturers on their current and future research directions. **Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA** recalls, that the school aims not only at PhD students, but also at undergraduate students, postdocs and interested professional, everybody is welcome. EUSFLAT offers 8 student grants. All details may be found on the school web sites: <http://irafm.osu.cz/sfla2016>

**Jose M. ALONSO** briefly introduces the third EUSFLAT summer school. It will be held in Santiago de Compostela, at the North West region of Spain, a city with a huge heritage. Organizer will be the Reserch Centre on Information Tecnologies of the University of Santiago de Compostela (CITIUS, USC). The city is plenty of pilgrims (coming all around the world) and students who represent a third of the whole population in the city.

**Jose M. ALONSO** also announces the Scientific Programme Committee as well as the Local Organization Committee. In addition, first draft schedule program along with the related website are already under construction. Alonso recalls the school will respect the spirit of previous editions combining local and foreign lecturers, well-known world-wide. It will take 5 days, from July 17 to July 21, 2017. Moreover, July 25 is the main holiday in the city so this week will be plenty of activities such as concerts, parades, and so on.

## **10.- Other Issues**

**Jose M. ALONSO** briefly comments the sad news of closure of the European Centre for Soft Computing (ECSC) in 2016. Accordingly, his role as “Connection with ECSC” has been removed from the EUSFLAT board.

**Janusz Kacprzyk** presents some details about EUSFLAT 2017 conference, to be held in Warsaw (Poland), September 12-15, 2017. Submission deadline is April 30. Co-sponsored by Polish Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with the Polish OR and SR society. The conference venue will be at a nice hotel in the center of Warsaw with all required technical premises and social life (including restaurants, theatres, etc.) at walking distance. After summer, they will start the dissemination period, setting call for special sessions, submission deadlines, and so on.

**Irina Perfilieva** announces an image processing competition in Dubai, October 28-31, 2016, in the context of the second Intelligent Decision Science (IDS) conference. This competition is part of the activities organized by the EUSFLAT WG on image processing. The winner will be awarded 500USD. She encourages everyone to take part in this competition.

With no other issue, the Assembly finished at 18:50.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jose M. Alonso Moral', written in a cursive style.

Signed, **José María Alonso Moral** (EUSFLAT Secretary in the period 2015-2017)  
Date: June 21, 2016