

# EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

## EUSFLAT

### Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2018

Cádiz, June 12, 2018

The assembly starts at 18:16, (sixteen minutes later than as scheduled).

#### **Agenda:**

- 1.- EUSFLAT Board Report
- 2.- Treasury report \*
- 3.- EUSFLAT Working Groups
- 4.- EUSFLAT Awards \*
- 5.- Endorsed Conferences and Related Associations
- 6.- EUSFLAT Grants
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- 10.- EUSFLAT 2019
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\* Requires a decision

#### **1.- EUSFLAT Board Report.**

President:	Martin ŠTĚPNIČKA, Czech Republic
Vice President:	Vladik KREINOVICH, USA
Secretary:	José María ALONSO, Spain
Treasurer:	Susana MONTES, Spain
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland
IFSA and other Societies:	Javier MONTERO, Spain
Atlantis Press (IJCIS):	Luis MARTÍNEZ, Spain
EUSFLAT Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Publications:	Gabriella PASI, Italy
Recruitment:	Sebastiá MASSANET, Spain
Grants:	Christophe MARSALA, France
Web and Social Networks:	Daniel SÁNCHEZ, Spain
Working Groups:	Guy DE TRÉ, Belgium
Promotion in Asia:	S.P. TIWARI, India

**Martin Štěpnička**, the current EUSFLAT president, presents the new ASUM series to be published by Atlantis Press under the auspicious of EUSFLAT. It is open access and submitted to be indexed by ISI. He also introduces the new contract with two open

access MDPI journals (Axioms and Algorithms). Among the benefits, MDPI provides sponsorship of Best PhD thesis award.

A new Memorandum of Understanding with IEEE is in progress. Martin remarks the effort of Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier to make this agreement a reality. Hopefully to be operative in 2019.

In addition, a new EUSFLAT website is under development.

Martin presents a new mechanism for institutional invoicing. He also presents the new conference guidelines. The procedure has been refined and benefits are especially highlighted.

## **2.- Treasury Reports: 2017 Budget, 2018 Estimated Budget, 2019 Proposed Budget.**

**Susana Montes** informs about the treasury reports. The main features were as follows:

2017 budget surplus: -1521.25 EUR

December 31, 2017 account situation: 31,882.57 EUR

2018 expected budget surplus: -1517.27 EUR

December 31, 2018 expected account situation: 30,365.30 EUR

2019 proposed budget surplus: +450.00 EUR

December 31, 2019 proposed account situation: 30,815.30 EUR

Susana remarks the importance of writing clearly the concept/subject associated to payments done by bank transfer. The tracing of payments is much easier with PayPal.

The EUSFLAT budget is mainly devoted to grants.

Guy de Tré asks about the chance of paying by a credit card. This is not available apart from paying by a card within the PayPal system. Bernard de Baets asks about the high bank charges. Susana explains the current procedure and detail bank charges.

**The 2017 treasury report, the 2018 estimated budget and finally the 2019 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating on the Assembly.**

## **3.- Working Groups**

**Guy de Tré** provides the assembly attendants with a report on Working group activities. There were 10 working groups (2 are now close to be terminated because of lack of interest). One of the other groups (“Economics”) didn’t send the report of activities on time but it is active.

Guy mentions the main features and goals of a working group. Then, he recalls the most typical activities of all working groups. WG on Fuzzy Control closes its activity due to lack of EUSFLAT members interested on this topic. Guy offers to the community the chance of selecting a new leader for this WG. The WG on Genetic Fuzzy Systems closes too.

Guy remarks that all details related to each WG will be published in the website.

#### 4.- EUSFLAT Awards

**Martin** recalls the existing EUSFLAT awards and the related rules. They are detailed in the society website. He also recognizes the hard work done by **Eulalia Szmidt** regarding the awards procedure. Unfortunately, Eulalia was not able to attend IPMU.

Martin announces that **Bernadette Bouchon-Meunier** is proposed by the Board to be acknowledged as **EUSFLAT Honorary Member**. Then, this candidature is **approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly**. Martin also thanks Bernadette for her nice contribution to make IPMU conference a successful event.

Congratulations to the awardee!

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

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

**Martin** recognizes the work done by Javier Montero (President of IFSA) who was not able to attend the assembly. He also 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, SBA, ACIA, IRSS. The exhaustive list of supported and endorsed conferences is also provided.

Finally, the list of contacts in the EUSFLAT correspondent network is highlighted.

#### 6.- EUSFLAT Grants

**Christophe Marsala** provides the society with a short report on student grants. The number of grants provided in 2017 was historically the highest, in particular 23, especially due to the organization of EUSFLAT and SFLA (9 for SFLA, 9 for EUSFLAT, and 5 for FUZZ-IEEE). The number of grants provided in 2018 is 15 (4 for LFA, 5 for IPMU, and 6 for SFLA).

Christophe highlights some strong and weak points in the grant application procedure which has been updated. 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. The event organizer collects grant applicants but the EUSFLAT board makes the final decision about granted students. The exhaustive list of grant holders is available in the society website.

#### 7.- Mathware & Soft Computing Magazine

**Humberto Bustince**, the Mathware & SC Editor in Chief, introduces a short report on the main activities related to the magazine. He starts by stating that he would like that Mathware follows the example of IEEE Computational Intelligence Magazine, even if Mathware is indexed neither by ISI nor Scopus. Then, he reminds the important dates to keep in mind for contributions to the magazine. He also highlights the nice magazine

contents, including very informative interviews to important people in the fuzzy community.

New ideas and collaborations are welcome!

Call for contributions, namely scientific reports, summaries of forums, panels, interviews, news and calls (PhD thesis, books, comments, events) is emphasized!

Contributions may be submitted via <http://eusflat.org/msc>.

## 8.- IJCIS

**Martin** briefly presents the annual report of the International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (IJCIS) which was provided by **Luis Martínez**, Editor-in-Chief of IJCIS. Unfortunately, Luis was not able to attend IPMU.

Martin highlights the main related activities. The journal is **Open Access since June 2016**. He reminds that the publication fee is waived for the first 20 papers per year which have as first and corresponding author an EUSFLAT member. Only 5 papers co-authored by EUSFLAT members are already published in 2018. Thanks to Open Access the visibility of the journal has increased. IJCIS is now recognized as a serious, quality and trustworthy open access journal. As result, the 2017 impact factor (computed regarding publications in 2015) has increased (in ISI and Scopus). It is expected to be even higher for 2018. Processing fees increased but production time has been reduced and visibility dramatically enhanced. Submissions by EUSFLAT members are encouraged. Moreover, higher involvement of EUSFLAT members as Area Editors and Board members is needed.

Ideas to enhance collaboration between EUSFLAT and IJCIS are welcome!

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

**Martin** summarizes the history of EUSFLAT Summer Schools on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (SFLA), highlighting the main achievements. The first SFLA took place in Lake Como, Italy, 2015. The second SFLA took place in Beskydy mountains, Čeladná, Czech Republic, 2016. The third SFLA took place in CiTIUS-USC, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 2017. The fourth SFLA will take place in Bari, in June 25 – 29, 2018. 21 students are already registered.

**Martin** recalls that SFLA aims not only at PhD students but also at undergraduate students, postdocs and interested professional. Everybody is welcome. From now on the school will take place every 2 years. Next edition will be in 2020. The venue is still to be decided.

Irina Perfilieva suggests to increase collaboration with IFSA in order to promote the school and thus increasing the number of attendants.

## 10.- EUSFLAT 2019

**Martin Štěpnička** reminds the conference website is already running. The conference will be organized by the IRAFM, University of Ostrava, in collaboration with the

CIIRC, Czech Technical University in Prague. **Martin** announces that it is open the call for special sessions. Everyone is welcome to Prague!

## **11.- Other Issues**

**Martin** summarizes the main issues to keep in mind for the near future. He remarks the importance of making members aware of the benefits offered by the society.

Vladik Kreinovich reminds that 2021 IFSA will take place in Europe and it would be nice to have again joint IFSA-EUSFLAT conference. Then, a nice discussion was established with several comments. Janusz Kacprycz talks about the chance of organizing IFSA-EUSFLAT in Russia (Saint Petesburg). Luis Magdalena notices that in 2015 it was needed to negotiate with 2 candidatures for the 2 conferences (IFSA and EUSFLAT) before announcing the joint conference. Uzay Kaymak also highlights that in 2009 there were also independent negotiations with both societies. Gabriella remarks the importance of organizing joint conferences to build a strong meeting and contributing to grow up the fuzzy community. Bernard de Baets reminds that all around the world federated joint conferences are more and more common.

Irina Perfilieva launches an open message to the EUSFLAT community: “We need higher activity and implication to support initiatives run by other members”.

Guy emphasizes the need to make WGs more active and increase collaboration. Laszlo Koczy also reminds the importance of involving WGs in the organization of special sessions in the EUSFLAT conferences.

With no other issue, the Assembly finished at 19:25.

Signed, **Martin Štěpnička** (EUSFLAT President in the period 2017 - 2019)  
Date: June 12, 2018

Signed, **José María Alonso** (EUSFLAT Secretary in the period 2017 - 2019)  
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