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Minutes of EUSFLAT General Assembly

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The meeting starts at 16.50 UMT+2.

Agenda:

1. **Board Report**
2. **Treasury Report***
3. **EUSFLAT Grants**
4. **EUSFLAT Awards***
5. **Link to IFSA**
6. **Mathware & Soft Computing**
7. **International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (IJCIS)**
8. **SFLA Summer School**
9. **Conferences**
10. **IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027**
11. **Working Groups**
12. **Other Issues**

* Requires a vote by the General Assembly

Gabriella Casalino, EUSFLAT Secretary, opened the General Assembly and welcomed all participants. She briefly introduced the purpose of the meeting, explaining that the Assembly provides an overview of the activities carried out by the Society during the previous year and informs members about ongoing initiatives and future plans. She then presented the agenda and invited José María Alonso, President of EUSFLAT, to deliver the annual Board Report.

1. EUSFLAT Board Report

José María Alonso welcomed both members and non-members attending the Assembly and emphasized that the main objective of the meeting was to present the activities carried out by the Society since the election of the current Board in July 2025. He underlined that the Board acts on behalf of the entire EUSFLAT community and encouraged members to actively contribute to the Society by participating in its various initiatives and scientific activities.

He first reviewed the administrative activities completed during the first year of the new Board. Following the elections held during EUSFLAT 2025 in Riga, the new Board was formally recognized by the Spanish Registry of Associations in November 2025. Subsequently, the Society obtained the official electronic certificate and fiscal identification required to manage administrative procedures with the Spanish



authorities. A new bank account was opened to replace the previous one, which had become increasingly expensive to maintain, while the former account remained temporarily active until the completion of the financial regularization process. José María Alonso also reported that the Board had appointed a professional consulting company to support the legal and financial regularization of the association, including the preparation of the tax declarations required under Spanish legislation.

From a scientific perspective, José María Alonso summarized the main initiatives promoted by the Board during the year. He recalled that the proposal to organize the IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027 joint conference in Bari had been approved by the IFSA Council in December 2025 and highlighted the ongoing collaboration between the two societies in preparing the event. He also reported the establishment of new international collaborations, including contacts with the Taiwan Society in Fuzzy Sets, with the aim of strengthening scientific exchanges between the two communities. In addition, he informed the Assembly that EUSFLAT had decided to discontinue its collaboration with MDPI, while negotiations were underway for a renewed agreement with Springer and for a cooperation agreement with the Spanish Association on Artificial Intelligence.

José María Alonso then presented the extensive work carried out to redesign the EUSFLAT digital infrastructure. He explained that the Society had commissioned the complete redevelopment of the official website, introducing a new WordPress-based platform intended to host all future EUSFLAT conferences and Summer Schools within a unified infrastructure. Although the migration had caused some temporary inconveniences during the 2025–2026 membership renewal period, the new platform provides a common framework that local organizers can reuse for future events, while preserving the historical archive of previous editions. He further reported that a new workspace and mailing-list infrastructure had been deployed and that the development of a new backend for membership management and the private area of the website was still in progress. Members who had not yet joined the new mailing list were invited to contact the Society to be included.

Another important initiative concerned the introduction of EUSFLAT Sections. José María Alonso explained that the Spanish Section had become the first official EUSFLAT Section and illustrated the procedure established by the Society's bylaws for creating additional Sections. He encouraged members from other countries to submit proposals, emphasizing that these Sections are intended to increase the visibility of existing national communities while benefiting from the common EUSFLAT infrastructure and communication channels.

The report also included an overview of the Society's scientific activities, endorsed conferences, and publications. José María Alonso highlighted the publication of the latest issue of *Mathware & Soft Computing*, the continued support provided to several conferences endorsed by EUSFLAT, and the growing international character of the Society. Membership statistics showed that EUSFLAT currently includes more than 200 members from over 30 countries, with a steadily increasing proportion of student members. He encouraged all members to renew their memberships and invite colleagues and students to join the Society.



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Finally, José María Alonso stressed that one of the main strengths of EUSFLAT lies in the international network it has created over the years. As an example, he presented the recently funded HyperXAI project, involving several EUSFLAT members from different countries, demonstrating how the Society can facilitate the creation of international collaborations and research proposals. He concluded by encouraging all members to take advantage of the EUSFLAT network to establish new scientific collaborations and jointly develop future research projects.

2. Treasury Report

Laura De Miguel presented the financial report for 2025 together with the proposed budgets for 2026 and 2027. She reviewed the Society's income and expenditure, explaining that the financial statements for 2025 were generally consistent with those of previous years, with the exception of several extraordinary expenses. These included higher bank charges associated with the former bank account, the payment of IFSA membership fees covering two consecutive years, the first installment for the redevelopment of the EUSFLAT website, and continued financial support for student grants, conferences, and awards. As a result, the Society closed 2025 with a deficit of approximately €6,000.

Laura De Miguel then presented the forecast for 2026. Besides the Society's regular operating costs, the proposed budget included the remaining payments for the redevelopment of the website and the expenses associated with the legal and financial consultancy hired to support the regularization of the association under Spanish legislation. She explained that the consultants would carry out a complete review of the Society's financial records for the previous five years and provide guidance on the procedures required to comply with the applicable regulations. Owing to these exceptional costs, the projected deficit for 2026 was estimated to be approximately €11,000.

Looking ahead to 2027, Laura De Miguel presented a draft budget that maintained the Society's traditional support for grants, awards, conferences, publications, and technical services while continuing to include legal consultancy costs. To ensure the long-term financial sustainability of these activities, the Board proposed increasing the annual membership fees from €20 to €30 for student members and from €40 to €60 for regular members. She emphasized that these membership fees had remained unchanged since the creation of the association and that the proposed increase reflected both the rising costs of the Society's activities and the need to preserve financial support for young researchers.

During the discussion, Uzay Kaymak requested clarification regarding the projected deficits shown in the financial reports. José María Alonso explained that EUSFLAT has intentionally operated with moderate annual deficits over recent years in order to invest its financial reserves in activities benefiting the community, particularly student grants and conference support. He observed that the larger deficit anticipated for 2026 was



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mainly due to exceptional one-time investments, including the redevelopment of the Society's digital infrastructure and the legal regularization process, rather than an increase in ordinary operating costs.

Jesús Medina Moreno asked whether the consultancy expenses would continue in future years and expressed some concern regarding the proposed increase in the annual membership fees, noting that, in many universities, membership fees cannot be reimbursed and therefore the increase could discourage some members. In response, José María Alonso explained that the agreement with the consulting company currently covers only one year and that future collaboration would depend on the outcome of the ongoing regularization process. Regarding the membership fees, he emphasized that they had remained unchanged for many years despite the increasing operational costs faced by the Society. He noted that the proposed increase was relatively modest and necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of EUSFLAT while preserving its support for grants, conferences, and other activities benefiting the community.

Following the discussion, the Assembly approved the financial report, the proposed budgets, and the adjustment of the annual membership fees by unanimous vote.

3. EUSFLAT Grants

Martina Dankova presented the EUSFLAT Grants report for 2026. She summarized the grants awarded during the year, explaining that, due to the Society's current financial situation and the ongoing legal and financial regularization process, the Board had decided to adopt a more conservative funding policy than in previous years.

As a consequence, grants were awarded only for participation in IPMU 2026 and the SFLA Summer School 2026. Martina Dankova reported the number of applications received and the grants awarded for both initiatives, noting that the selection process had been carried out according to the established EUSFLAT grant policy. She also mentioned that one Summer School grant was still pending confirmation because of visa-related issues.

José María Alonso recalled that reducing the number of grants had not been an easy decision but was considered necessary in view of the exceptional expenses faced by the Society during the current year. He emphasized that supporting students and early-career researchers remains one of EUSFLAT's main priorities and expressed the Board's intention to restore a broader grant programme once the Society's financial situation has stabilized.

The Assembly acknowledged the report without further comments.

4. EUSFLAT Awards

José María Alonso presented the Board's nomination of Martin Štěpnička for the 2026 EUSFLAT Honorary Membership, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to EUSFLAT and its community.



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No further comments were raised by the Assembly.

The Assembly unanimously approved the proposal to confer the EUSFLAT Honorary Membership on Martin Štěpnička.

5. Link to IFSA

Vladik Kreinovich presented an update on the collaboration between EUSFLAT and the International Fuzzy Systems Association (IFSA). He reviewed recent IFSA activities and emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong relationship between the two organizations, highlighting the mutual benefits of coordinating scientific initiatives and supporting the international fuzzy systems community.

He also informed the Assembly about ongoing discussions within IFSA concerning future activities and encouraged EUSFLAT members to actively participate in IFSA initiatives and governance. In particular, he stressed the value of strengthening cooperation between regional fuzzy societies in order to increase the visibility and impact of the field worldwide.

José María Alonso thanked Vladik Kreinovich for his continued commitment to fostering the collaboration between EUSFLAT and IFSA and acknowledged the importance of maintaining close coordination between the two societies.

The Assembly acknowledged the report without further discussion.

6. Mathware & Soft Computing

Humberto Bustince presented an update on *Mathware & Soft Computing*, summarizing the journal's recent activities and current status. He reviewed the publication statistics for the previous year, including the number of submitted and accepted manuscripts, and noted that the journal continues to attract contributions from the international fuzzy systems community while maintaining its editorial standards.

He informed the Assembly about the ongoing editorial activities and acknowledged the work of the editors, reviewers, and authors in ensuring the quality of the published papers. He also emphasized the importance of continuing to promote the journal within the community in order to increase both the number and the quality of submissions.

The presentation concluded with an invitation to EUSFLAT members to support *Mathware & Soft Computing* by submitting high-quality research papers, participating in the peer-review process, and promoting the journal within their scientific networks.

The Assembly acknowledged the report without further discussion.



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7. IJCIS

Rosa M. Rodríguez presented an update on the *International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (IJCIS)*. She reviewed the journal's current status, recent editorial developments, and the collaboration with Springer. She emphasized the importance of further strengthening the journal's position within the Computational Intelligence community and encouraged EUSFLAT members to actively support IJCIS by submitting high-quality manuscripts, contributing to the peer-review process, and proposing special issues.

During the discussion, Susana Vieira observed that the journal's Gold Open Access publishing model represents a significant obstacle for many researchers, as publication fees are no longer covered or reimbursed by several universities and funding agencies. She therefore asked whether alternative publishing models could be considered in the future. Gabriella Casalino remarked that the same concern had already been raised during previous discussions within the Board. In response, José María Alonso explained that the current agreement with the publisher is based exclusively on the Gold Open Access model and that, under the existing framework, no alternative publishing option is available. He noted, however, that the Society could explore other opportunities in the future should different publishing models become available.

Bernard De Baets then asked what the main benefit is for EUSFLAT in having an associated journal and whether such a journal is essential for the Society. José María Alonso replied that, beyond serving as a publication venue, an official journal provides the Society with a shared scientific reference point, strengthens the sense of identity and belonging within the EUSFLAT community, and contributes to building a cohesive international research network.

The Assembly acknowledged the report and the ensuing discussion.

8. SFLA Summer School

Katarzyna Kaczmarek-Majer presented an update on the Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications (SFLA). She briefly recalled the history of the initiative, highlighting its role as one of EUSFLAT's flagship educational activities for PhD students and early-career researchers. She then introduced the 2026 edition, presenting the scientific programme and the distinguished team of lecturers, including internationally recognized experts.

She reported that the Summer School had attracted 18 participants, ensuring the successful organization of the event. Katarzyna Kaczmarek-Majer expressed her gratitude to everyone who contributed to the initiative, giving special thanks to Przemysław Grzegorzewski, co-organizer of the Summer School, for his continuous support and collaboration, as well as to all lecturers and members of the organizing committee for their commitment.



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During the discussion, José María Alonso congratulated the organizers on the success of the initiative and emphasized the importance of the Summer School as a strategic investment in the next generation of researchers within the EUSFLAT community. He noted that, while the Society remains committed to supporting the initiative, future editions should progressively become financially self-sustainable by attracting a sufficient number of participants to cover their organizational costs and ensure the long-term continuity of the programme.

The Assembly acknowledged the report and congratulated the organizers for the successful organization of the 2026 edition.

9. Conferences

José María Alonso presented an overview of the conferences organized or technically sponsored by EUSFLAT. He reviewed the Society's current conference activities, highlighting the importance of maintaining a strong presence within the international fuzzy systems community through the organization and sponsorship of high-quality scientific events.

He provided an update on the conferences scheduled for the coming years, including those receiving EUSFLAT sponsorship, and encouraged members to continue proposing special sessions, workshops, and conference initiatives under the auspices of the Society. He emphasized that conference sponsorship remains one of EUSFLAT's most important activities, as it strengthens collaboration with the broader Computational Intelligence community and increases the visibility of the Society.

José María Alonso also reminded the Assembly that proposals for technical sponsorship are evaluated by the Board according to established criteria to ensure the scientific quality and relevance of the supported events. He encouraged organizers to contact the Board at an early stage when planning new conferences or workshops.

The Assembly acknowledged the report without further discussion.

10. IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027

Corrado Mencar presented the IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027 World Congress, which will be hosted in Bari, Italy, by the University of Bari Aldo Moro. He introduced the organizing institutions, the local organizing committee, and the conference venue, providing an overview of the preparations already underway for the joint flagship conference of IFSA and EUSFLAT.

He outlined the vision of the conference, emphasizing that the event aims to bring together researchers from all areas of fuzzy systems, Computational Intelligence, and related disciplines, while promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and fostering interactions between established scientists and early-career researchers. The conference



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programme will include regular technical sessions, invited talks, tutorials, workshops, special sessions, doctoral activities, and social events designed to encourage networking within the international community.

Corrado Mencar also presented the conference branding and visual identity, together with the official website and the preliminary organizational timeline. He encouraged members of the EUSFLAT community to actively contribute to the scientific programme by proposing special sessions, workshops, tutorials, competitions, and other initiatives, stressing that the success of the conference will depend on the active involvement of the entire community.

Particular emphasis was placed on making the conference an inclusive and attractive event for researchers at all career stages. In this regard, Corrado Mencar highlighted the intention to continue supporting initiatives dedicated to PhD students and young researchers, while also strengthening collaborations with the various Working Groups and partner societies.

The Assembly was also informed that IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027 is being coordinated with the FQAS Conference in Bergamo, which will take place the week before the Bari conference. Giuseppe Psaila presented FQAS and invited EUSFLAT members to participate in both events, first attending FQAS in Bergamo and then IFSA–EUSFLAT in Bari the following week. The coordination between the two conferences is intended to facilitate participation in both events and strengthen interaction between the respective scientific communities.

Following the presentation, José María Alonso thanked the local organizing committee for undertaking the organization of such an important event and expressed the Board's full confidence that IFSA–EUSFLAT 2027 will represent a major milestone for both EUSFLAT and IFSA.

The Assembly welcomed the presentation and expressed its support for the organization of the conference.

11. Working Groups

Corrado Mencar presented an overview of the EUSFLAT Working Groups, reviewing their current status and recent activities. He noted that while some Working Groups remain active and continue to organize scientific initiatives, others have shown little or no activity in recent years. For this reason, the Board intends to review the existing Working Groups and, unless renewed interest or concrete activities are demonstrated, discontinue those that are no longer active. Members were therefore encouraged to revitalize the existing groups or propose new activities under their umbrella.

During the discussion, a member of the Assembly pointed out that the Fuzzy Modeling and Control Working Group is currently involved in the organization of a Special Issue associated with IPMU, highlighting that the group is therefore active despite the limited visibility of its recent activities. Corrado Mencar welcomed the clarification and



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reiterated the importance of communicating ongoing initiatives to the Board so that the Society can maintain an up-to-date overview of the Working Groups' activities.

The Assembly acknowledged the report and supported the proposed review of the Working Groups to ensure that they continue to reflect the active interests of the EUSFLAT community.

12. Other Issues

Under Other Issues, José María Alonso informed the Assembly that no additional items requiring formal discussion or approval had been submitted in advance. He invited participants to raise any final comments or suggestions concerning the activities of the Society.

The discussion focused on general reflections regarding the future development of EUSFLAT. José María Alonso thanked all Board members, Working Group coordinators, conference organizers, volunteers, and Society members for their commitment during the first year of the new Board's mandate. He emphasized that many of the initiatives undertaken over the past year—including the legal regularization of the Society, the redevelopment of the website, the strengthening of communication channels, and the preparation of future conferences—had been possible thanks to the collaborative effort of many members of the community.

He concluded by encouraging all members to remain actively involved in the Society's activities, contribute to conferences, journals, Working Groups, and educational initiatives, and continue supporting EUSFLAT as an open and collaborative international scientific community.

As no further business was raised, the General Assembly was adjourned.

With no other issue, the meeting finished at 18:30 (UMT+2).

Signed, EUSFLAT Secretary



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