



E U S F L A T

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

In Barcelona (Spain), the 7th of September 2005, at 19:00, the assembly of EUSFLAT, presided by Professor Luis Magdalena, congregates in the University of Barcelona in order to develop the following agenda:

1. Approval, if there is agreement, of the Minutes of the Perugia assembly (2004)
2. Report of the board
3. Report of the treasurer and approval, if there is agreement, of the financial report
4. Elections to the Board
5. Any other business

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

The minutes of the previous assembly in Perugia in 2004 are approved by assent.

2. Report from the Board.

The President of the Society, Pr. Magdalena presents the report of activities of the Society for the last year. First of all, Pr. Magdalena recalls that there exists the website of the Society (<http://www.eusflat.org/>) where any information concerning the Society can be found.

IFSA meeting in Beijing (July 2005)

Pr. Magdalena recalls the most interesting facts from the IFSA meeting in Beijing, concerning our Society:

- The new president elect is Professor Janusz Kacprzyk,
- The next IFSA conference will be held in Cancun (Mexico),
- In 2009, the IFSA conference should take place in Europe (certainly in Lisboa (Portugal), *to be confirmed*),
- The EUSFLAT voting right is as a C member of IFSA (1 vote)
- The IFSA has now converted its Bank account in Euros (due to the fact it is declared in EU).

MSC journal

Pr. Magdalena presents the reports concerning the “Mathware and Soft Computing” (MSC) journal. He is glad to inform the Society that 3 regular issues will be published in 2005. The Issue 1 has been already published (6 papers), the Issues 2 & 3 will be both published in October (15 papers). The publication of this 3 Issues is a good news because it will enable the journal to be referenced by the Journal Citation Report that requires a regular publication for journals in order to be ranked. However, it should be noted that the number of subscriptions for journal (an advantage offers to EUSFLAT members) has decreased.

Working groups

Concerning the working groups of the EUSFLAT society, there are by now 7 existing working groups (see <http://www.eusflat.org/research/wgroups.htm>). The last one, on Learning and Data

Mining (DAMI), was created last year and a special session is dedicated to it in this EUSFLAT'05 conference.

The working group on aggregation operators is also very active with the organization of special sessions in conferences and a workshop.

The next EUSFLAT conference

Prof. Magdalena recalls that in the last EUSFLAT conference in Zittau (2003), a proposal from Ostrava has been made to organize an EUSFLAT conference. First of all, it was a proposal for the organization of EUSFLAT'05. It has been decided in Zittau that this proposal will be delayed for the organization of the EUSFLAT'07 conference, if the organizers still want to organize such a conference. Now, if they maintain their proposal for the organization of the EUSFLAT'07 conference, the new elected board will be in charge of the agreement of this organization. If not, a new call for organization will be spread by the new elected board.

Student grants

Prof. Magdalena recalls that the EUSFLAT society has erected a set of clear rules and guidelines to offer student grants to financially support some students that attend a conference. This year, for the EUSFLAT'05 conference, only 8 grants (10 grants were proposed) have been awarded due to the small number of candidates.

All information concerning these grants (how to apply, guidelines for conference organizers,...) and the name of the past grant recipients can be found on the website of the Society (<http://www.eusflat.org/members/grants.htm>).

EUSFLAT members

Prof. Magdalena announces that the EUSFLAT'05 conference organizers have decided to redistribute the additional conference fee (40€) paid by attendees non EUSFLAT members to the EUSFLAT Society that enables these attendees to become members of the EUSFLAT Society. Our Society will thus have 167 new potential members. Such thing has already been done at the EUSFLAT'01 conference in Leicester.

Summary of the last 4 years...

Prof. Magdalena summarizes the last 4 years of the EUSFLAT Society:

- The website has been put in place (thanks to Prof. Bodenhofer),
- The students grants has been introduced (thanks to Prof. De Baets),
- Some administrative tasks have been done to regularize the Society with regards to new laws,
- A clear set of guidelines has been erected,
- At the EUSFLAT'05 conference, there are 230 presented papers and more than 250 participants,
- Relations with other Societies have been introduced by means of reciprocal references.

He recalls some on-going processes:

- The electronic publication on the website of all the proceedings of EUSFLAT conferences,
- The introduction of the Mathware journal on the Journal Citation Report.

And some pending processes:

- The working groups: if some of them are very active, others are quite "sleeping"...
- The national representatives: a clear set of guidelines should be erected to give to them.

3. Report from the treasurer

Pr. Vicenc Torra presents the report of the treasurer for the last year. By now, the Society possesses a positive amount of funds (more details can be found on the treasurer's report).

Some comments were done by the Assembly.

Prof. Dubois suggests that the money should be used to organize tutorials or summer schools.

Prof. Magdalena recalls helping young researchers is the best way to use the money.

Prof. Kacprzyk suggests that the money should be used to make profit for the Society.
After its presentation, the Report of the treasurer is approved by assent by the assembly.

4. Board election

Prof. Magdalena recalls the process of the election process, as stated in the guidelines.
At the end of the call for candidates, only one candidate list has been submitted for the new board:

President:	Prof. Ulrich Bodenhofer (<i>Austria</i>)
Vice-president:	Prof. Lluís Godó (<i>Spain</i>)
Secretary:	Prof. Irina Perfilieva (<i>Czech Republic</i>)
Treasurer:	Prof. Oscar Cerdón (<i>Spain</i>)
Additional members:	
Grants and Prizes:	Prof. Bernard De Baets (<i>Belgium</i>)
Journal MSC:	Prof. Juan-Luis Castro (<i>Spain</i>)
Newsletter:	Prof. Vicenc Torra (<i>Spain</i>)
Working Groups:	Prof. Eyke Huellermeier (<i>Germany</i>)

As there is only one candidature, and as no EUSFLAT member presents in the Assembly require a formal voting process, Prof. Magdalena asks for an approvement of this candidature by assent by the assembly.

The proposal of the new board is thus approved by assent of the unanimity of the EUSFLAT Assembly.

After this approval, the past board leaves the presidency of the Assembly and the new board chairs the EUSFLAT Assembly.

As secretary, I certify all of this.

Paris, September 10th, 2005.

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The new board presided by Prof. Ulrich Bodenhofer continued the agenda of the EUSFLAT Assembly. The President, Ulrich Bodenhofer, thanked the Assembly for the approval of the candidate list and for electing him as the President. On behalf of the whole Society he thanked the previous Board for their work. Then he delivered some ideas which he planned to realize during the next period:

- Attract new young members to the Society and keep the old ones;
- Support working groups in their activity;
- Reconsider the status of National Representatives;
- Actively invite members of the Society to submit papers to “Mathware and Soft Computing”;
- Open a room for suggestions and contributions to the web pages of the Society.

5. Any other business

Prof. V. Novák: The reasonable way how to spend funds of the Society is to invest them in the organization of summer schools for young researches and by this, to attract them to become members of EUSFLAT.

Prof. J. Kacprzyk: The past President should be a member of a new Board for one term in order to keep the continuity.

Prof. S. Muñoz Hernández: A serious attention should be paid to keeping connections between theoreticians and practicians. The Society should support organization of Workshops on applications of theoretical research.

Prof. U. Bodenhofer: How the Society could do this?

Prof. J. Kacprzyk: In the USA there are different Foundations which support innovations.

Prof. L. A. Zadeh: EUSFLAT is focused on the development of fuzzy logic and orientation of other societies that are focused on applications is not relevant for us. It is better for EUSFLAT to preserve its theoretical spirit and not to speed up integration with practice.

Prof. V. Novák: In order to raise a renomé of Fuzzy Logic, it is worth to submit a series of papers to journal like „Scientific American“ to convince the wide audience that FL is a real science.

Prof. U. Bodenhofer: We shall better interact with other communities.

Prof. L. A. Zadeh: A good example is Prof. E. Trillas who is a renowned mathematician doing serious and deep investigations in FL and at the same time he contributed organizationally to merging theory and applications in Spain.

With no more subjects to be discussed, the session terminated at 20.15 p.m.

As a Secretary, I certify this last part of the Agenda.

Ostrava., September 12, 2005.

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