

EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

EUSFLAT

Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2013

Milano, September 12, 2013

The assembly starts at 16:00, twenty minutes later than as scheduled in order to allow all participants from delayed sessions to get to the Assembly before its beginning.

Agenda:

- 1.- EUSFLAT Board report
- 2.- Treasury report *
- 3.- EUSFLAT 2015 conference
- 4.- EUSFLAT Awards
 - Proposal for EUSFLAT Honorary Membership *
 - Acknowledgement for EUSFLAT Scientific Excellence Award
 - Acknowledgement for EUSFLAT 2011 & 2012 Best PhD Thesis Award
 - Acknowledgement for Best Student Paper at EUSFLAT 2013 conference
- 5.- New Board Elections *
- 6.- Other matters

* Requires a decision

1.- EUSFLAT Board report.

President:	Javier MONTERO, Spain
Vice President:	Gabriella PASI, Italy
Secretary:	Martin STEPNIČKA, Czech Republic
Treasurer:	Eduardo BARRENECHEA, Spain
Recruiting:	Valentina E. BALAS, Romania
EUSFLAT Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Web Coordination:	Jorge CASILLAS, Spain
BISC & IFSA News:	Asli CELIKYILMAZ, USA
Calls & Forum:	Oscar CORDÓN, Spain
Grants:	Bernard DE BAETS, Belgium
Conference Liaison:	Marcin DETYNIĘCKI, France
Working Groups:	Eyke HÜLLERMEIER, Germany
Outreach activities:	Radko MESIAR, Slovak Republic
Conference Endorsement:	Dragan RADOJEVIĆ, Serbia
Special IJCIS Issues:	Luis Martínez, Spain
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland

Javier Montero, the President of EUSFLAT reminds some information from IFSA:

- IFSA PRESIDENT (2013-2015): Christer Carlsson (Finland).

- ELECTED PRESIDENT (2015-2017): Shun-Feng Su (Taiwan).
- IFSA 2015 conference (point 3 in today's agenda) – jointly with EUSFLAT in Oviedo, Spain, Local Chair: Luis Magdalena (European Center for Soft Computing).
- Many awards obtained by EUSFLAT members were reported to the Society.

EUSFLAT membership stats were reported. The main number – the current number of members – equals to 271. Importantly, the percentage of Spanish members is still below 50% which confirms the international nature of the Society. Related to the membership, the president reported the recruitment campaign that has been initiated during his voting period.

Jie Lu, the co Editor-in-Chief of the Society journal IJCIS, reported main news from the last year. Main statistics were provided. The main point of this report was the message ensuring the Society that the journal Impact Factor is expected to be obtained back already in 2014. Jie Lu introduced a strategy (already applied) for improving the quality of the journal.

Humberto Bustince reported the activity of Mathware & Soft Computing magazine. He thanked to all editors and all other people who help the magazine to be published regularly. He invited anyone from the Society to participate on the contributions published in the magazine. The Society members are advised to visit <http://www.eusflat.org/msc> .

Javier Montero recalled main achievements of the Board activity in the last 4 years of his presidential mandate (new guise of the magazine, agreement with IJCIS, honorary members, Status updates, new awards launched, travel grant programme extended and spread etc.). Also missing issues were reported (Fuzzywiki and similar projects not launched, no Committer membership so far applied, etc.).

2.- Treasury reports: 2012 Budget, 2013 Estimated budget, 2014 Proposed budget.

Eduarne Barrenechea informed about the treasury reports. The main features were as follows.

2012 budget surplus: 2454.50 EUR

December 31, 2012 account situation: 28272.77 EUR

2013 expected budget surplus: -1455.32 EUR

2014 proposed budget surplus: -1670.00 EUR

December 31, 2014 proposed account situation: 25 147.45 EUR

Apart from the treasury reports, the Society was also informed about other features such as no change in the height of membership fees or proposed expenses for travel grants (4500EUR/year). The Society was asked to approve the treasury report.

The treasury report was approved by all EUSFLAT members participating on the Assembly.

3.- EUSFLAT 2013 Conference

Luis Magdalena, the Chair of the 2015 conference, presented his vision of the organization of the next conference. He presented many details as well as motivation to participate on the joint IFSA-EUSFLAT event. The main information consists in the dates of the conference (June 30 – July 3) and the location (Asturias, Spain). The particular Venue has not been decided yet (Gijón or Oviedo). Society members are advised to visit <http://www.softcomputing.es/ifsa-eusflat2015/>

4.- EUSFLAT Awards

Proposal for EUSFLAT Honorary Membership: Irina Perfilieva

Javier Montero presented the Board proposal to award the 4th Honorary Membership to **Irina Perfilieva**. The proposal has been approved by the Assembly.

Acknowledgement EUSFLAT Scientific Excellence Award: Petr Hájek

The committee has nominated **Petr Hájek** as the second EUSFLAT Scientific Excellence Award holder. **Petr Hájek** could not attend the EUSFLAT conference due to health reasons. Therefore, he was awarded the Scientific Excellence Award by **Francesc Esteva** in Prague, September 4 (within ManyVal2013 conference). **Francesc Esteva** reported the award ceremony. The president expressed his thanks to **Francesc Esteva, Petr Cintula, Franco Montagna, Zuzana Haniková** and others who helped with the ceremony.

For his enormous contribution to the formal logical foundations of fuzzy logics, fuzzy set theory, and fuzzy systems.

Acknowledgement EUSFLAT 2011 & 2012 Best PhD Thesis Awards

EUSFLAT 2011 Best PhD Thesis Award goes to Nicolás Madrid for his thesis *Measures of Inconsistency and Existence of Fuzzy Stable Models in a Residuated Framework* (supervised by Manuel Ojeda-Aciego).

EUSFLAT 2012 Best PhD Thesis Award goes to Marco Cerami for his thesis *Fuzzy description logics from a mathematical fuzzy logic point of view* (supervised by Francesc Esteva, Felix Bou and Lluís Godó).

Both awards will be given on the Gala dinner.

Acknowledgement for Best PhD Student Paper at EUSFLAT conference

Three student authors – **Aranzazu Jurio, Tarad Jwaid and Ali Fallah Tehrani** – were nominated to the Best PhD Student paper award. All of them will be acknowledged on the Gala dinner. The winner will be announced also during the Gala dinner.

5.- New Board Elections

Javier Montero gave his last Farewell speech in the presidential position. He thanked to all Board members and also other people who contributed to the Society during his voting period.

As the Secretary, **Martin Štěpnička** was in charge of the new Board elections. After a short review of the situation, legal issues and the submitted candidature, the members were asked to vote. Since the majority of members voted for the only candidature led by **Gabriella Pasi**, the New Board was elected.

List of elected Board (2013-2015) members:

President

Gabriella Pasi

Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Italy

Vice-president

Bernard De Baets

Ghent University, Belgium

Secretary

Martin Štěpnička

University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Treasurer

Eduarne Barrenechea

Public University of Navarra, Spain

Additional members:

Eulalia Szmidt

Francisco Javier Montero

Humberto Bustince

Vicenc Torra

Brunella Gerla

Jie Lu

Jorge Casillas

Marie-Jeanne Lesot

Rudolf Kruse

Sławomir Zadrozny

José María Alonso

Gabriella Pasi, the new President, had a short speech related to her vision for the new voting period.

6.- Other matters

Society was reminded that the next EUSFLAT Assembly will take place during IPMU 2014 in Montpellier, France, July 15-19.

With no other issue, the Assembly finished at 17:10.

Signed, **Javier Montero** (EUSFLAT President)
Date: September 13, 2013

Signed, **Gabriella Pasi**
(EUSFLAT vice-president, newly elected EUSFLAT President)
Date: September 13, 2013

Signed, **Martin Štěpnička** (EUSFLAT Secretary)
Date: September 13, 2013