

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

In Mallorca, the 24th of September 1999, at 17:45 h, the assembly of EUSFLAT congregates in the Salón de Actos (Son Lledó) of the University of Balear Islands presided by Mr. Francesc Esteva, in order to develop the following agenda:

1. *Approval, if there is agreement, of the last assembly minutes.*

Professor Trillas suggests a small change in Point 8 of the minutes, which were previously sent to members of the Association; thus, instead of "... his gratitude to members of the University of Granada ..." he proposes to state that "... the gratitude of the Assembly to members of the University of Granada ...". With this change, minutes are approved by assent.

2. *Report from the President.*

The President, Mr. Esteva, reports a detailed information on the number of members and countries having members associated to EUSFLAT, as well as the fact that the Association belongs to IFSA as an institutional member. He points out that the journal *Mathware & Soft Computing* has been consolidated, and some activities in which EUSFLAT has been represented are commented.

Mr. Esteva also expresses his deep gratitude to the local organizers of the EUSFLAT-ESTYLF Joint Conference.

3. *Approval of the financial report.*

The treasurer, Mr. Pere García, presented the financial report. Some questions by Professors Saade and Gotwald on the journal *Mathware & Soft Computing* expenses and on some detected deviations are answered, and the financial report gets then to be approved.

4. *Report on Mathware & Soft Computing.*

Professor Jacas presents a report on the activities related to the journal. As a new editor to handle papers regarding Applications, Professor Castro has been designed, whereas Professor Jacas continues as the responsible for the theoretical aspects.

Professor Kozcy congratulates the editors because of this new policy, and he suggests to develop statistics on the distribution of papers in the two groups.

Mr. Esteva remarks the interest of preparing in a future a special issue on applications.

A short discussion is made on the suitability of considering every year a special issue to collect a selection of papers from the Spanish ESTYLF Conference. In accordance with Mr. Dubois, an alternative option is to consider Fuzzy Sets and Systems for such a purpose.

Mr. De Baets proposes to get the journal *Mathware & Soft Computing* to be included in the Science Citation Index, and the president encourages the editors to follow as much as possible the required steps to get this target.

5. *EUSFLAT Board Election.*

The President explains that, in accordance with objectives to be covered, a possible structure of EUSFLAT Board is that of having the president, the secretary, the treasurer,

people commissioned for some special tasks, and one representative member per each country in the Association.

The proposal for this Board is as follows:

President: Francesc Esteva
Secretary: María Angeles Gil
Treasurer: Pere García

Special tasks:

- Working Groups coordination: Mesiar, De Baets, Castro.
- Studies about Fuzzy Logic in Universities: Vila.
- Relationships with other Societies (IFSA, etc.): Bouchon-Meunier.
- Web pages: Kacprzyk.

Countries representatives: De Kerre, Klawoon, Gotwald, Klement, Gutiérrez, Eklund, Pasi, and one possible free place for the Hungarian Society.

Professor Koczy proposes to have a hungarian representative in the EUSFLAT Board, since regardless the behaviour of the hungarian society there are at present hungarian members in EUSFLAT.

To the suggestion of Professor Kacprzyk of creating a new place for Professor Rudolf Felix on the real-life applications of Fuzzy Logic, the President indicates that Professor Felix has proposed to create a working group on this field.

Mr. Dubois also comments on the possibility of publishing information on the Association through Fuzzy Sets and Systems, in addition to gather it in the Web page, and the President agrees with this type of initiative to be accomplished in a near future.

Professor Kacprzyk encourages everybody to send him interesting information to be included in the Web page to prepare the electronic newsletters.

The President summarizes the above ideas by classifying the information and deciding where to publish it.

The EUSFLAT Board was approved with a unique abstention (Professor Koczy).

6. *Budget for 1999-2000.*

Some questions were asked to members in the assembly, who agree with a \$40 membership fee and also with EUSFLAT to pay \$1000 to IFSA as an institutional member.

Professor Trillas suggests helping Mathware & Soft Computing with \$2500, instead of \$1800, because the Association is now receiving more money.

Professor Gotwald asks the Board for proposing along next year a general planning explaining how to spend the money according to the Association needs. The President encourages the Board to ask for some recommendations.

Mr. De Baets talks about possible future conflicting situations between working groups of EUSFLAT and EUROFUSE. Mr. Dubois thinks that, as a member of IFSA, EUSFLAT can ask for some financial support from IFSA to create workshops.

The budget is approved with the change suggested by Professor Trillas, whence fees will be: \$40 for normal membership, \$16 for students membership, \$150 for institutional membership (for 3 people, and \$40 to be added per each additional member).

7. *Working Planning.*

The President suggests Professor Klawoon to add his proposal on including some activities for the students in the working planning. He asks the Assembly to give information about this point.

8. *Working Groups.*

The Board has already received the proposal of 8 to 9 working groups covering different aspects. The President proposes Board members in charge of the Working Groups to organize the relationships between these groups and the Board.

9. *Open Questions.*

Professor Gotwald asks for the foreseeable date for the next EUSFLAT Assembly. The President says that it will be celebrated on the occasion of the IPMU'2000 Conference to be held in Madrid, July 3 to 7, 2000. Mr. Esteva also indicates that the Association bylaws are available through the Web page, and changing them if desired could be discussed during the next assembly.

Mr. Dubois asks for information on the next EUSFLAT Meeting, and the President says that there is nothing certain about, although maybe they can be celebrated jointly with either the EUFIT Conference or the Fuzzy Days Conference at Dortmund in 2001.

And, with no more subjects to be discussed, the session is finished. As secretary I certify all of this.

Mallorca, the 24th of September 1999