EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

EUSFLAT

Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2022
Milan and Virtual (Zoom), July 12, 2022

The assembly starts at 18:05 (5 minutes later than as scheduled).

Agenda:

1.- EUSFLAT Board Report
2.- Treasury report *
3.- Working Groups
4.- EUSFLAT Awards *
5.- EUSFLAT Grants
6.- Mathware and Soft Computing Magazine
7.- International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems
8.- EUSFLAT Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications
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* Requires a decision

1.- EUSFLAT Board Report.

President:	Susana MONTES, Spain
Vice President:	Vladik KREINOVICH, USA
Secretary:	Zdenko TAKÁČ, Slovakia
Treasurer:	Javier FERNÁNDEZ, Spain
Atlantis Press (IJCIS):	Rosa M. RODRIGUES, Spain
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland
Grants:	Christophe MARSALA, France
Link to IFSA and other Societies & Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Promotion in Asia:	Nikhil R. Pal, India
Publications:	Gabriella PASI, Italy
Strategy:	Luis Magdalena, Spain
Web and Social Networks:	Sebastiá MASSANET, Spain
Working Groups:	Guy DE TRÉ, Belgium

Susana Montes, the current EUSFLAT president, starts presenting the list of board members. Then, she presents some important and specific news for EUSFLAT members, apart from the ones which will be explained in detail at the different points of the agenda. Firstly, she shows a graph with the membership evolution since 2001 until the middle of 2021, where it is possible to see the good evolution of the society. Then she presents the graphs with membership distribution according to the type of memberships (Honorary/Student/Regular) and countries of members origin.

Susana informs about the new distribution list and server, which should be available soon.

Sebastia Massanet informs about the news on EUSFLAT webpage and he asks the members for comments and suggestions to improvements regarding the webpage.

2.- Treasury Reports: 2021 Budget, 2022 Estimated Budget, 2023 Proposed Budget.

Javier Fernández informs about the treasury reports. The main features were as follows:

2021 budget surplus: 4 575.35 EUR
December 31, 2021 account situation: 47 668.38 EUR
2022 expected budget deficit: 1 803.82 EUR
December 31, 2022 expected account situation: 45 864.56 EUR
2023 proposed budget deficit: 1 350.00 EUR
December 31, 2023 proposed account situation: 44 514.56 EUR

The 2021 treasury report, the 2022 estimated budget and finally the 2023 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly.

Javier informs about the difficulties with bank operations authorization. The Caixabank in Spain has modified the rules, now it is necessary an authorization of all the people which appear in the account for every operation. **The board proposes to allow the treasurer to make every operation in the bank account, without further approval in the bank system by the other people. The proposal was approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly.**

3.- Working Groups

Guy de Tré starts with the list of the nine working groups. He briefly informs about the activities and facilities of the working groups. He reminds the kind of donation for establishing and organizing "gate opening" activities that should bring our community closer to other societies, especially the bigger ones like CI and AI. He asks the members of working groups to put closer attention on this.

4.- EUSFLAT Awards

Susana Montes provides the assembly attendants with a report on Awards prepared by **Eulalia Szmidt** who was not able present it by herself. She recalls Article 22 of the Society's Bylaws about honorary members, as it is detailed in the society website and the list of honorary members of the EUSFLAT Society.

Susana announces that **Javier Montero** was proposed by the Board to be acknowledged as **EUSFLAT Honorary Member**. Then, she summarizes some of the main contributions of Javier to EUSFLAT.

After voting, this candidature is **approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly**.

Congratulations to the awarded Javier Montero!

5.- EUSFLAT Grants

Christophe Marsala provides the society with a short report on student grants.
The number of grants provided in 2021 was 25: 2 grants for FUZZ-IEEE 2021, 19 grants for IFSA-EUSFLAT 2021 and 4 provided grants for WILF 2021.
The number of grants already provided in 2022 was 8: 5 grants for IPMU 2022 (19 applications), 3 grants for ESTYLF 2022 (under process).

Christophe informs that after COVID years, there were a lot of applications in 2022, the number of applications is increasing.

6.- Mathware & Soft Computing Magazine

Humberto Bustince, Mathware & Soft Computing Magazine Editor in Chief, introduces a short report on the main activities related to the magazine. Humberto asks information about the activities of each EUSFLAT working group to the next issue in December 2022. He also asks students obtaining the EUSFLAT grant for a short resume of the activity related to the grant. In general, all the reports from EUSFLAT members are welcomed, namely, scientific reports, summaries of forums, panels, interviews, news and calls (PhD thesis, books, comments, events).

Humberto discusses the future of the magazine. The problem is a small number of EUSFLAT members comparing to the needs of the strong magazine. He proposes a collaboration with other societies, in particular IFSA.

7.- IJCIS

Susana Montes provides the assembly attendants with a report on IJCIS prepared by **Rosa Rodríguez** who was not able present it by herself. Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (IJCIS) are Jie Lu and Luis Martínez.

Susana informs about the EUSFLAT Atlantic Press agreement and the need of negotiation a new agreement. She reminds that, although the journal is open access, the publication fee is waived for the first 20 papers per year which have as corresponding author an EUSFLAT member. She informs that 20 papers co-authored by EUSFLAT members have been published in 2021 and 1 accepted + 7 under review papers in 2022 (until the Assembly).

The report is finished by the summary of the number of Submissions/Accepted/Rejected/Rejection rate from 2019 to 2022 and the graph of Impact Factor of the journal from 2017 to 2021 (which is currently 2.259, Q3).

8.- SFLA Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications

The president remembers that **Gabriela Passi** found the first Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications. She explains that although the SFLA edition in 2020 was planned to be held in Eindhoven, it has to be postponed to 2021 due to the coronavirus outbreak and, unfortunately, this has to be also postponed to 2022.

Susana informs that Uzay Kaymak proposed to hold SFLA as a virtual event (by exception) this year. The board agree that, under the current circumstances, this could be a good option, although the face-to-face meeting brings more benefits for the students. Tentative dates: October 31 – November 5. Any definitive news will be shared with all the members.

Jose Alonso proposes to join the Summer School with some other existing summer schools in order to have a meeting with more participants/students.

9.- EUFLAT 2023

Sebastia Massanet presents EUSFLAT 2023 conference. The conference will take place in Palma and it is organized by the SCOPIA team of the University of the Balearic Islands. The dates are 4-8 September 2023. It will be held with the AGOP and FQAS conferences. Sebastia expresses his desire to see all of us in Palma next year and presents the webpage of the conference: http://www.eusflat2023.eu/

Important dates: Special Session proposals (October 31, 2022), Paper&Abstract submission (January 20, 2023), Notification of acceptance (February 28, 2023), Camera-ready paper submission (March 17, 2023), Early registration (March 31, 2023).

10.- Other Issues

Susana Montes asks for questions or suggestions to the board. Since there are no questions, the Assembly finished at 19:05.

Signed, **Susana Montes**
EUSFLAT President

Signed, **Zdenko Takáč**
EUSFLAT Secretary