

# EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

## EUSFLAT

### Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2024

Lisbon and Virtual (MS Teams), July 23, 2024

The assembly starts at 17:10.

Number of members at the assembly: 59 in person + 21 online.

#### **Agenda:**

- 1.- EUSFLAT Board Report
- 2.- Treasury report \*
- 3.- Working Groups
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\* Requires a decision

#### **1.- EUSFLAT Board Report.**

President:	Susana MONTES, Spain
Vice President:	Barbara PEKALA, Poland
Secretary:	Zdenko TAKÁČ, Slovakia
Treasurer:	Laura De Miguel, Spain
Atlantis Press (IJCIS):	Rosa M. RODRIGUES, Spain
Awards:	Eulalia SZMIDT, Poland
Conferences:	Slawomir ZADROZNY, Poland
Grants:	Christophe MARSALA, France
Link to IFSA and other Societies & Magazine:	Humberto BUSTINCE, Spain
Promotion in Asia:	Nikhil R. PAL, India
Strategy:	Vladik KREINOVICH, USA
Web and Social Networks:	Sebastià MASSANET, Spain
Working Groups:	Guy DE TRÉ, Belgium

**Susana Montes**, the current EUSFLAT president, begins by presenting the dates of the EUSFLAT Assemblies during the period 2020-2024.

Then she presents the graphs with membership distribution according to the type of memberships (Honorary/Student/Regular) and countries of members origin.

Susana also 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 and finally presents the list of board members. She informed about the regular online meetings of the board.

## **2.- Treasury Reports: 2023 Budget, 2024 Estimated Budget, 2025 Proposed Budget.**

**Javier Fernández** informs about the treasury reports in the name of **Laura De Miguel** who was not able present it by herself. The main features were as follows:

2023 budget surplus: 3 418.84 EUR

December 31, 2023 account situation: 57 608.84 EUR

2024 expected budget deficit: -9 364.35 EUR

December 31, 2024 expected account situation: 48 244.49 EUR

2025 proposed budget deficit: -3 650.00 EUR

December 31, 2025 proposed account situation: 44 594.49 EUR

**The 2023 treasury report, the 2024 estimated budget and finally the 2025 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly.**

## **3.- Working Groups**

**Guy de Tré** briefly informs about the activities and facilities of the working groups. He reports that the main initiatives by the working groups was organizing special sessions at conferences and preparing joint publications and special issues of journals. He informs that if someone wants to become a member of any working group, he/she should send an email to the coordinators of the working group. He ends his report with the list of the ten working groups.

## **4.- EUSFLAT Awards**

**Eulalia Szmidt** 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.

Eulalia informs that **Gabriella Pasi** was proposed by the Board to become a **Honorary Member**. Then she describes Gabriella Pasi's contribution to EUSFLAT society and our scientific community as a whole and gives reasons for the nomination of the board.

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

Congratulations to the awarded Gabriella Pasi!

## 5.- EUSFLAT Grants

**Christophe Marsala** provides the society with a short report on student grants. The number of grants already provided in 2024 was 8: 4 grants for IPMU 2024 (9 applications) and 4 grants for SFLA 2024 (4 applications).

Christophe encourages organizers of conferences to contact Board to ask for providing grants to students for participating in the conference and he encourages PhD students to apply for the grants.

## 6.- Mathware & Soft Computing Magazine

**Javier Fernandez** presents the slides prepared by **Humberto Bustince** who was not able present it by himself. He introduces a short report on the main activities related to the journal Mathware & Soft Computing, whose Editor in Chief is Humberto Bustince. Javier asks EUSFLAT members for all the reports, namely, scientific reports, summaries of forums, panels, interviews, news and calls (PhD thesis, books, comments, events), events from other areas that might be of interest.

## 7.- Link to IFSA

**Javier Fernandez** presents the slides prepared by **Humberto Bustince** who was not able present it by himself. Javier discusses the link of EUSFLAT to IFSA society. He recalls some basic information about IFSA and informs that EUSFLAT is one of the societies which are members of IFSA. Finally, he presents the members of the IFSA Council whose president from 2023 is Humberto Bustince.

## 8.- IJCIS

**Rosa M<sup>a</sup> Rodríguez** informs that the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (IJCIS) are Jie Lu and Luis Martínez.

Rosa informs about the new agreement (from January 2024) with EUSFLAT Atlantic Press and reminds the most important differences with respect to the previous agreement:

- There is not any payment involved.
- There are not any waivers for EUSFLAT members.
- Support for the best student paper award.
- A best paper award to acknowledge and honor the authors of an outstanding paper published in the journal every year.

Rosa informs about the new editorial system of the journal.

The report is finished by the summary of the number of Submissions/Accepted/Rejected/Rejection rate from 2019 to 2024 and the graph of Impact Factors of the journal from 2017 to 2023 (which is currently 2.5, Q3).

## **9.- Web and Social Networks**

**Daniel Ruiz** presents the slides prepared by **Sebastia Massanet** who was not able present it by himself. He informs about the content and news on EUSFLAT webpage <https://eusflat.org/> and he asks the members for comments and suggestions to improvements regarding the webpage. He also informs about the Facebook page of the society.

## **10.- Conferences**

**Slawomir Zadrozny** presents an idea of getting higher rank with ICOR for EUSFLAT conference and informs about the possibilities how to obtain the higher rank. At the moment the conference is ranked C. He invites members to the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soft Methods in Probability and Statistics (SMPS 2024) in Salzburg.

## **11.- EUSFLAT 2025**

**Olga Grigorenko** presents EUSFLAT 2025 conference which will take place in Riga, Latvia from July 21 to July 25, 2025. Olga expresses her desire to see all of us in Riga and presents the venue, organizers, social program and supporting institutions. All EUSFLAT members are welcomed in Riga!

She informs that also European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications 2025 (SFLA 2025) will take place in Riga. The summer school will be the week next to EUSFLAT Conference (July 28 – August 1, 2025).

## **12.- SFLA 2024**

**Juan Moreno-Garcia** presents European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications 2024 (SFLA 2025) which will take place in Toleda, Spain, from September 2 to September 6, 2024. Juan presents the venue, organizers, webpage, social program and supporting institutions. All students and EUSFLAT members are welcomed in Toledo!

## **13.- Other Issues**

**Susana Montes** asks for questions or suggestions to the board.

**Marek Reformat** invites EUSFLAT members to IFSA Conference 2025 which will take place in Alberta, Canada, in June 2025. All EUSFLAT members are welcomed in Alberta!

**Gabriella Pasi** thanked for honorary membership of EUSFLAT and **Susana Montes** thanked once more to Gabriella for all her hard work for the society.

The assembly ends at 18:10.



Signed, **Susana Montes**  
EUSFLAT President



Signed, **Zdenko Takáč**  
EUSFLAT Secretary