## EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR FUZZY LOGIC AND TECHNOLOGY

#### **EUSFLAT**

## **Minutes of the EUSFLAT General Assembly 2025**

Riga and Virtual, July 22, 2025

The assembly starts at 18:40.

Number of members at the assembly: 67 in person +7 online.

## Agenda:

- 1.- EUSFLAT Board Report
- 2.- International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems
- 3.- Treasury report \*
- 4.- EUSFLAT Awards
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- 9.- EUSFLAT 2027
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Working Groups:

## 1.- EUSFLAT Board Report.

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

**Susana Montes,** the current EUSFLAT President, reminded of the society's activities over the past year:

Guy DE TRÉ, Belgium

- Conference IPMU2024, Lisbon, Portugal
- European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications, Toledo, Italy
- Best Paper Award published in IJCIS in 2024

<sup>\*</sup> Requires a decision

- New edition of magazine Mathware & Soft Computing
- A conference sponsorship agreement between MDPI and EUSFLAT

#### 2.- 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 Springer Nature and reminds the most important differences with respect to the previous agreement:

- There is not any payment involved from EUSFLAT.
- There are not any waivers for EUSFLAT members.
- Support for the best student paper award.
- 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 and about the increase of Impact Factor from 2.5 in 2023 (Q3) to 3.0 in 2024 (Q2).

The report is finished by the summary of the number of Submissions/Accepted/Rejected/Rejection rate from 2019 to 2025 and the graph of Impact Factors of the journal from 2020 to 2024 (which is currently 3.0, Q2).

# 3.- Treasury Reports: 2024 Budget, 2025 Estimated Budget, 2026 Proposed Budget.

Laura De Miguel informs about the treasury reports, the main features were as follows:

2024 budget deficit: 4 469.29 EUR

December 31, 2024 account situation: 53 144.55 EUR

2025 expected budget deficit: 8 074.52 EUR

December 31, 2025 expected account situation: 45 070.03 EUR

2026 proposed budget deficit: 11 400.00 EUR

December 31, 2026 proposed account situation: 33 670.03 EUR

The 2024 treasury report, the 2025 estimated budget and finally the 2026 proposed budget were approved by all EUSFLAT members participating in the Assembly.

## 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 reminds the previous Honorary Members and informs that **Gabriella Pasi** was proposed by the Board to become a **Honorary Member in 2024**.

Eulalia informs about awards:

- 1. Distinguished EUSFLAT 2025 student papers, the candidates are:
  - **Davide Cazzorla**, A soft clustering method derived from the probabilistic interpretation of Fuzzy C-Means.
  - Karel Fiala, Verification of Validity of Generalized LogicalSyllogisms Applying the Contraposition.
  - Gabriel Jaume-Martin, On Modular Fuzzy Equivalences, Aggregation and Modular Pseudo-Metrics.

She also informed that the final decision regarding the winner will be announced at the Gala Dinner.

- 2. EUSFLAT Best Ph.D. Thesis Award 2023, the awarded is:
  - IlliaStepin, Argumentative Conversational Agents for Explainable Artificial Intelligence, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
- 3. EUSFLAT Best Ph.D. Thesis Award 2024, the awarded is:
  - GianCarlo Milanese, Approximate Reasoning with Order-Sorted Feature Logic, University of Milano Bicocca, Italy.
- 4. EUSFLAT Best Theoretical Paper 2025, the awarded is:
  - Juan-José Miñana and Simona Talia, On fuzzy metrics constructed from metrics and their topology.
- 5. EUSFLAT Best Applied Paper 2025, the awarded is:
  - Martins Kokainisand and Svetlana Asmuss, Locally modified multivariate Fmtransform: theoretical background and possible applications.

Congratulations to the awarded!

#### 5.- EUSFLAT Grants

Christophe Marsala provides the society with a short report on student grants.

The number of grants provided in 2024 was 8: 4 grants for IPMU 2024 (9 applications) and 4 grants for SFLA 2024 (4 applications).

The number of grants already provided in 2025 was 17: 2 grants for ESCIM 2025, 2 grants for FUZZIEEE 2025, 6 grants for EUSFLAT 2025, 5 grants for SFLA 2025 and 2 grants for ESTYLF 2025.

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

**Humberto Bustince** introduces a short report on the main activities related to the journal Mathware & Soft Computing, whose Editor in Chief is Humberto Bustince. Humberto 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.

The magazine can be found at: http://www.eusflat.org/msc

#### 7.- Link to IFSA

**Humberto Bustince** 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.- Conferences

**Slawomir Zadrozny** informs about the process of including the EUSFLAT conference in the ICOR ranking and about the possibilities how to obtain the higher rank. At the moment, the conference is ranked C.

He informs about the VI European Summer School on Fuzzy Logic and Applications 2025 in Riga.

Slawomir lists some related events:

- 7th International Conference on Theory and Application of Fuzzy Systems, Soft Computing and AI tools (ICAFS2025), August 25-26, Iasi, Romania
- 2025 IFSA World Congress/NAFIPS Annual Meeting, August 16-19, 2025, Banff, Alberta, Canada
- The International Conference on Intelligentand Fuzzy Systems(INFUS 2025), July29-31, 2025, Istanbul, Turkiye
- 2025 IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems, July6-9, 2025, Reims, France
- ISFS 2025 –International Symposium on Fuzzy Sets, May 23–25, 2025, Katowice, Poland(endorsedby EUSFLAT)
- 16th European Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Mathematics(ESCIM 2025), May 18-21, 2025, Cádiz, Spain

He ends his part with an invitation to 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soft Methods in Probability and Statistics 2026, Lecce, Italy.

### 9.- EUSFLAT 2027

**Corrado Mencar** presents EUSFLAT 2027 conference which will take place in Bari, Italy. He introduces the venue of the conference and the organizing committee. All EUSFLAT members are welcomed in Bari!

#### 10.- New Board elections

**Zdenko Takac** provides the assembly attendants with the rules of New Board elections. He recalls Articles 5 and 18 of the Society's Bylaws about elections and then he runs the new Board elections. Only one candidature was received. The submitted candidature is presented. Then, the EUSFLAT members were asked to vote.

List of elected Board (2025-2027) members:

President José María Alonso Moral Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Vice-president Katarzyna Kaczmarek-Majer Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

Secretary Gabriella Casalino University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy

Treasurer Laura De Miguel Public University of Navarra, Spain

Additional members:
Eulalia Szmidt
Rosa María Rodríguez
Humberto Bustince
Slawomir Zadrozny
Vladik Kreinovich
Corrado Mencar
Olga Grigorenko
Luis Terán
Martina Dankova
Antonio Calcagnì

After voting, the candidature was elected by all the members at the Assembly.

Votes FOR: 74 Votes NOT FOR: 0 Abstained from voting: 0 José María Alonso Moral is elected as new EUSFLAT president by majority. He thanks for the support of the Assembly to the new Board and introduces the members of the new board.

# 11.- Other Issues

Susana Montes asks for questions or suggestions to the board.

There are not any questions or comments.

The assembly ends at 19:25.

Signed, **Susana Montes** EUSFLAT President

Signed, **Zdenko Takáč** EUSFLAT Secretary