

**Minutes of the AGM of Association Computability in Europe – Budapest (Hungary) – June 26th 2014
- 18h00-19h30.**

Present:

- Beckmann, Arnold (Swansea University, Wales/UK)
- Bondin, Ingram (University of Leeds, UK)
- Bournez, Olivier (Ecole Polytechnique, France)
- Cshaj-Varjú, Erzébet (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary)
- Cooper, S. Barry (University of Leeds, UK)
- Gay, James (University of Leeds, UK)
- De Mol, Liesbeth (CNRS – University of Lille 3, France)
- Dodig-Crnkovic, Gordana (Mälardalen University, Sweden)
- Gratie, Cristian (Abo Akademi University, Finland)
- Harizanov, Valentina (George Washington University, USA)
- Joosten, Joost (University of Barcelona, Catalonia/Spain)
- Katalin, Lázár (Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary)
- Kolokolova, Antonina (Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada)
- Löwe, Benedikt (Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands & Universität Hamburg, Germany)
- Manea, Florin (Kiel University, Germany)
- Meer, Klaus (Technical University of Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany)
- Mitrana, Victor (University of Bucharest, Romania)
- Nagy, Benedek (University of Debrecen, Hungary)
- Normann, Dag (University of Oslo, Norway)
- Ouali Sebti, Nadia (University of Rouen LITIS, France)
- Soskova, Alexandra (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
- Soskova, Mariya (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
- Van Emde Boas, Peter (ILLC-FNWI-UvA/Bronstee.com Software & Services, The Netherlands)
- Vaszil, György (University of Debrecen, Hungary)
- Visser, Albert (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)
- Weihrauch, Klaus (University of Hagen, Germany)
- White, Graham (Queen Mary, University of London, UK)
- Yanchev, Mitko (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
- Zimand, Marius (Towson University, USA)

Dag Normann took chair of the AGM, opened the meeting and presented the agenda:

- 1- Minutes of 2013 AGM & matters arising
- 2- Association CiE 2013-14 report:
 - a) Membership, Newsletter, Publicity
 - b) CiE Conference Series report
 - c) Publications Committee report
 - d) Election report
- 3- Proposals and general discussion

1) Minutes of 2013 AGM & matters arising.

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were distributed. Dag Normann asked for corrections.

Benedikt Löwe proposed to change in the distributed proposal for the CIE AGM 2013 minutes the sentence “Benedikt Loewe requested the reserving of these dates and an appropriate Call for papers” into “Benedikt Loewe asked to reserve this date and to submit appropriate papers”.

The change was agreed by the assembly.

Minutes of CIE AGM 2013, with this change, were formally accepted.

Dag Normann asked if there were some matter arising. Nothing was mentioned by the assembly.

2) Reports on the association

Dag Normann invited Barry Cooper to report on the Association, 2013-14.

2-a) Membership, Newsletter, Publicity

Barry Cooper recalled that Issue 80 of CiE Newsletter has been sent on June 17th. He invited Olivier Bournez to report on newsletter and membership.

Olivier Bournez reported that the letter is sent once a month except in August, and that comments or suggestions are welcome.

Olivier Bournez reported on the development of the number of members. At the time of the AGM in 2013, CiE had 1113 members. This increased to 1157 during the year before the CiE 2014 conference. 134 people registered for the conference before it started. This number is not counting people still registering on the spot. Among these 134 people, 59 were already members of the association. This represents 44%. Among non-already members, 55 people accepted to be members. Thus, the total number of CiE members at the time of the AGM 2014 was 1212.

Barry Cooper reported that concerning publicity, the association is considering the idea of having a "publicity chair".

2-b) Report on CiE Conference Series

Arnold Beckmann was invited to report on the CiE conference series.

He announced that Peter van Emde Boas is leaving in 2014 the CiE Conference Series Steering committee after 10 years, having been a member from the beginning. The assembly applauded Peter for his hard work.

Arnold Beckmann then presented the current situation concerning future conferences. CiE 2015 will be in Bucharest from June 29th to July 3 2015. Program Committee Chairs are Victor Mitrana (Bucharest) and Mariya Soskova (Sofia), and local organisers are Radu Gramatovici (Bucharest), Liviu Marin (Bucharest). Mariya Soskova was then invited to say a few words about the scientific program of CiE 2015. Mariya presented the planned special sessions, invited plenary speakers and tutorials. Arnold Beckmann recalled that a more extended presentation of CiE 2015 by Victor Mitrana was planned for the next day.

Arnold Beckmann announced that CiE 2016 will take place in Paris downtown. The chair of the Organizing committee will be Paulin de Naurois. CiE 2017 is not yet fixed. Arnold Beckmann said that offers for hosting CiE 2017 are welcome.

Arnold Beckmann announced that a change of policy for the CiE conference series has been decided. CiE Conferences combine both culture of mathematics and computer science. The CiE - Conference Series committee decided to drop the category "accepted for presentation but not for LNCS volume". The purpose is to make the process of selection clearer. The Program Committee will only classify submissions according to whether or not they can be accepted for presentation and for publication in the LNCS volume. The PC chair will have the possibility of applying the rules for accepting informal presentations for papers not accepted by the PC.

There will be no rule from CiE-Conference Series committee about the number of papers accepted in the LNCS volume, except merit.

Arnold Beckmann also announced that, following other conferences, CiE Conference Series adopted an anti-harassment policy.

2-c) Publications Committee report

Barry Cooper then connected the meeting to Elvira Mayordomo via Skype.

Elvira Mayordomo apologized for not being present for personal reasons. She reported on the Computability journal using (partly) a written report from Vasco Brattka. The journal is doing very well and had 26 submissions in 2011, 20 in 2012, 20 in 2013, 13 in 2014 so far. Some invitations will be sent to attract more submissions, in particular to papers presented at CiE 2014.

Barry Cooper reported on the CiE book series: the book series is doing well, even if it experiences a slow start due to focus on quality. Barry gave a list of books under contract. He mentioned that most of these 6 books are actually expected to be delivered during the next year, and invited the assembly for proposals for new books.

Barry Cooper invited questions for Elvira before she left via Skype. Several questions were asked about the acceptance rate and impact of the journal. Elvira did not have the data available with her and promised these data to be communicated later.

Benedikt Löwe said as a personal comment that there is a problem about the way acceptance rate are calculated: initial acceptance rate is always 0 due to the rules whereby it is calculated, and skewed in the 2nd year. He also expressed the opinion that the purpose of the journal was directed at attracting the 15% top papers. Before the journal, about 20% of top papers of the conference went to special issues. He expressed his feeling that the journal is attracting only a third of what used to be attracted by special issues.

2-d) Election report

Barry Cooper reported that Jérôme Durand-Lose had now retired from the board of the Association. He thanked him for all his involvement and work. He reported that Pablo Arrighi and Elvira Mayordomo were nominated for the board. With the assent of the meeting, both were declared duly elected.

2-e) CiE Association and Next Decade.

Barry Cooper presented his vision of the current state of the CiE association and how it should evolve: he commented on all the successes of the Association but also described how the Association is currently still managed by only a small group with too many tasks and too few people involved, and said that the Association must evolve to a more mature association. The Association should also expand European & Global reach. The Association should also consolidate and clarify CiE links with computability-relevant areas. The Association should also expand activities (training, funding, etc...). Barry mentioned in particular the Horizon 2020 opportunities.

3) Proposals and general discussion

Barry Cooper proposed 4 motions on which to base suitably worded constitutional amendments.

Proposed motion 1: That the CiE Constitution should include added provision for the election of a Vice-President and General Secretary.

Proposed motion 2: That the CiE Board should be expanded to approximately twenty members.

Proposed motion 3: That Association elections should be for Board, Vice-President, General Secretary, Conference Series Steering Committee (CS-SC) Chair, and Treasurer. And that other officers, including Membership Secretary, Publicity Chair, and Education Chair, should be appointed by the Board.

Proposed motion 4: That the Board should submit Constitutional amendments implementing the above motions to a vote of the Membership by April 11, 2015.

Dag Normann invited the assembly to express comments.

A discussion then followed. While there was a general agreement on the spirit of these motions, various views expressed on the current form of the motions, and about possible risks of adopting the motions in their current form & wording:

These views include:

- The fact that going directly from 8 to 20 people in the board would mean a majority of new people for some time, and that it could be problematic. Barry pointed out that the board could be gradually expanded through the yearly elections over a suitable period of years.
- That some points need clarification: there could/should be a supplementary text on how elections are scheduled on time (e.g. one may require vice-president to be elected after president) and organized (e.g. what happens if less than 20 peoples are elected).
- That the role of the vice-president should be clarified: Is the vice-president intended to become the future president as in some other organizations?
- That this means that somehow we change the role of the board: the current board could be viewed as an executive committee of the proposed assembly of 20 members.
- That there might be still a need for an executive committee, as an assembly of 20 members is often not as efficient as a smaller group.

Chair of the AGM, Dag Normann asked for a vote on the motions 1, 2 and 3, (and then 4 in case these were accepted).

Proposed motion 1: For: 5 votes. Against: 10 votes. The motion is not adopted.

Proposed motion 2: For: 7 votes. Against: 9 votes. The motion is not adopted.

The assembly observed that motion 3 does not make good sense as previous motions were not adopted. Barry Cooper proposed then to withdraw motion 3.

Several members of the assembly expressed the view that the problem is not concerning the spirit of the motions, on which there is general agreement, but their wording in the current form.

The following motion was then proposed to the assembly:

Motion: "That the board should submit, after a process of consultation, constitutional amendments implementing the above proposals, called [above] motion 1, 2, 3 to a vote of the Membership by April 11, 2015".

Dag Normann asked for a vote on this motion.

Vote: For: 19 notes. Against: 0 votes. This motion is **adopted**.

Dag Normann thanked participants and closed the AGM.