



Association Computability in Europe

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Members present: Marcella Anselmo (MA), Péter Battyányi, Paola Bonizzoni (PB), Merlin Carl, Marta Fiori Carones, Patrick Cégielski, Julien Cervelle, Gianluca Della Vedova, Johanna Franklin, Cameron Freer, Markus Holzer, Mathieu Hoyrup, Sophie Huiberts, Zvonko Iljazović, Ruslan Ishkuvatov, Florian Kammüller, Stefan Klootwijk, Grégory Lafitte, Benedikt Löwe, Florent Madelaine, Assia Mahboubi, Florin Manea (FM), Barnaby Martin (BM), Elvira Mayordomo (EM), Russell Miller, Benoit Monin, Keng Meng Ng, Arno Pauly (AP), Daniël Paulusma, Giuseppe Primiero (GP), Benjamin Rin, Clemens Rösner, Dino Rossegger, Luca San Mauro, Paul Shafer, Giovanni Soldà, Frank Sommer, Alexandra Soskova, Peter van Emde Boas, Stefan Vatev, Manlio Valenti, Linda Westrick, Mars Yamaleev, Zhifeng Ye, Rosalba Zizza.

1. Opening. The AGM was opened by the Secretary General (GP) at 17:21. GP presents the agenda. An item entitled *Research* has been removed from the original agenda circulated on 9 July 2019 since there was nothing to discuss (the original intention was to discuss applications for research networks, COST programmes etc.).

2. Reports.

2.1. The President. PB reported on the progress of the preparations for the *S. Barry Cooper Prize*. The committee has been installed, consisting of PB, Anuj Dawar, Yuri Gurevich, Mariya Soskova, and Peter van Emde Boas. The Call for Nominations will be published on 1 November with a deadline of 31 December 2019.

2.2. The Secretary General. GP reported on the new internet domain of the Association www.acie.eu. He informs the members that the minutes of the AGM are publicly available online on the website. GP reported that he will represent the Association at the General Assembly of the DLMPST in Prague in August 2019 (the Association is an international member of DLMPST in category 0 with a voting power of 1).

2.3. The Chair of the Conference Series Steering Committee. FM gave a report on CiE 2019: *Computing with Foresight and Industry* in Durham. The theme of the conference is an allusion to the motto of the host city. FM reported that the number of submissions was lower in 2019, but the quality of submissions was higher than in past years, resulting in a higher acceptance rate: in 2019, 20 out of 35 submissions were accepted (compare to 26 out of 55 in 2018 and 24 out of 52 in 2017). The number of informal presentations increased (23 in 2019, 21, 20, and 19 in 2018, 2017, 2016, respectively) and the conference had about 110

participants. FM reports on a new policy: instead of providing everyone with a printed pre-proceedings volume, only those who ordered one received a volume. Approximately 40% of participants who were given a choice opted for the volume (at a price of GBP 25). The present members were asked whether they missed the free proceedings volume: no one complains about it. FM reminds all members of the Association that if they accept to serve on the PC of a CiE conference, they should do their duties.

FM announced that CiE 2020 will be at the University of Salerno in Fisciano and that the PC chairs will give a presentation later in the AGM.

FM requested proposals for host cities for CiE 2021 and 2022.

FM reported that Gianluca Della Vedova was appointed to the Conference Series Steering Committee and was mandated by the Executive Committee to be *Executive Officer of the Conference Series Steering Committee* according to Article K of the Constitution.

2.4. The Treasurer. GP reported of behalf of the absent Treasurer, Dag Normann. The Association had € 2489.06 at the last AGM and € 2826.33 on 4 July 2019. The only source of income is Springer royalties. Expenses were the annual fee for the DLMPST, costs for URLs, bank fees, and taxes. In addition to the mentioned funds, the ACiE bank account also contains the funds of the SIGWiC that are kept separately from the Association accounts. PB announced that the current status of the Association as a non-profit organisation in Italy allows the Association to accept donations. These may be tax-deductible depending on the laws of the country of the donor.

2.5. The Membership Officer. GP reported on behalf of Membership Officer Olivier Bournez: the Association has 1252 members as of 10 July 2019. This is ten more than last year: this year there was no opt-in question on the conference registration website. The organisers have contacted all registered participants about membership on 18 July 2019. GP reminded the members that membership gives free online access to the journal *Computability* and the ACiE Newsletters sent out by BM. GP uses this opportunity to thank BM for taking care of the ACiE Newsletters.

2.6. Publications. EM reported on the Springer-Verlag book series. The book series is currently the only source of income of the Association. Five books have been published with three to four in preparation. EM encouraged the members to consider submitting a book to the series.

EM then reported on behalf of Vasco Brattka, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Computability*. Every member has free access to the journal; since 2017, the journal is publishing four issues per year and accepts high quality special issues. It is customary that all authors of accepted LNCS papers are encouraged to submit the journal version of their paper to the journal *Computability*. The number of submissions went up in 2018 with 60 submissions (in previous years, the journal had between 20 and 31 submissions).

3. Election of four members of the Council. According to Article M of the constitution, every year, between two and six members of the Council are elected. The Executive Committee has decided to elect four members this year. Four candidates have been validly nominated and have agreed to accept the election: Marcella Anselmo, Johanna Franklin, Alison Pease, and Arno Pauly. GP asked whether anyone opposes election by acclamation. No one objects; the four candidates are elected to the Council by acclamation.

4. Presentation of CiE 2020. The PC co-chairs MA and AP presented the conference CiE 2020. It will be organised by the Department of Computer Science at the University of Salerno, located in Fisciano. MA gives touristic and travel information and announces that the submission deadline will be in January 2020.

CiE 2020 will have six special sessions: *Large scale Bioinformatics and Computational Sciences*, *Modern aspects of Formal Languages*, *Algorithmic Learning Theory*, *Computable Topology*, and *Combinatorial String Matching* as well as one special session to be arranged by the SIG HaPoC.

There will be two tutorials by Martin Ziegler on *Complexity in Analysis* and by Virginia Vassilevska Williams on *Fine-grained Complexity*. The following invited speakers have accepted the invitation: Véronique Bruyère, Paolo Boldi, Ekatarina Fokina, Amaury Pouly, Antonio Restivo, and Damien Woods.

5. Any other business. There was no other business.

The AGM was closed at 18:00.

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