

Formal Methods Europe – Plans 2011

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Symposia

The main focus will be successful planning of FM2012 and the running of FM2011. We do not expect to run the competition to host FM2014 until 2012. Our ambition is to consolidate and improve the symposium's worldwide reputation and we will seek members' views on how best to achieve this. We will examine the effectiveness of supporting the SCORE competition in collaboration with ICSE.

Coordination of Symposia. Formal Methods provide a lively and diverse field of research, with many workshops and conferences. The danger of clashing and overlapping events appears to be considerable and so we aim to establish an informal grouping of conference organisers to provide a mechanism for coordination.

Finances and Sponsorship

The board plans to further consolidate the association's financial position. A modest allocation of €5000 is reserved for event sponsorship. Apart from this and support for SCORE 2011, no other significant investments are planned. The position will be reconsidered in 2012, given the outcome of the FM2011 symposium.

External Relations

We will continue to work to our existing Memorandum of Understanding with BCS-FACS, and will seek to establish similar understandings where appropriate with other organisations.

Operations

The difficulty of travelling in 2010 meant that the board did some business using net meetings on Skype. However, it is some years since the association had an opportunity to meet and discuss policy and plans for the future. We expect to hold a 1-2 day meeting during 2011 in order to set priorities for the next five years. The meeting will, of course, be open, and inputs from members will be solicited.

Publications

We will continue to maintain the website as FME's primary medium for disseminating its activities to the general public. The content of the old ForTIA pages will be moved to our website. For member relations we will further investigate the role of social networks via our LinkedIn group. FME's future strategy is a strong candidate as a discussion topic on LinkedIn. Furthermore, we plan to better integrate the website and the LinkedIn group activity, e.g. via sharing the website postings on LinkedIn.