



**Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 55th meeting
Held at the Conservatoire national des arts et métiers,
Paris, France
30 August 2012
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Present at the meeting were:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Kamel Barkaoui [CNAM]
- Béatrice Bérard [LIP6-CNRS & U. Pierre et Marie Curie]
- Joey Coleman [Aarhus U.]
- Jin Song Dong [National U. of Singapore]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. di Firenze]
- John Fitzgerald (Chairman) [Newcastle U.]
- Marie-Claude Gaudel [U. Paris-Sud]
- Dimitra Giannakopoulou [NASA Ames Research Center]
- Stefania Gnesi [ISTI-CNR]
- Jan Friso Groote [Eindhoven U. of Technology]
- Mike Hinchey [LERO, U. Limerick]
- Randolph Johnson [Arundel System Logic]
- Sun Jun [Singapore U. of Technology and Design]
- Peter Gorm Larsen [Aarhus U.]
- Bruno Monsuez [LEI, ENSTA Paris Tech]
- Dominique Méry [U. de Lorraine / INRIA]
- Isabelle Perseil [INSERM]
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano]
- Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer) [Chess BV]
- Liu Yang [Nanyang Technological U.]

Apologies had been received from: Eerke Boiten, Jonathan Bowen, John Cooke, Stefan Gruner, Roland Horsch, Cliff Jones, Dino Mandrioli, Kees Pronk, and Bruce Watson.

1 Welcome and agree upon agenda

John Fitzgerald welcomed the members present. He thanked the CNAM for hosting the meeting. The agenda was agreed upon.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions

The minutes of the Paris meeting had been circulated beforehand and no comments received.

Marcel Verhoef commented on item 9a. The book of FM'11 were now closed. The FME share of the surplus was EUR 14,000, slightly higher than previously estimated.

Action 49/7: Marcel Verhoef and Bernhard Aichernig to determine what material to transfer from the ForTIA web site to the FME web site and to carry out the transfer.

First part done, second part transferred to action 55/1. Action closed.

New action 55/1: John Fitzgerald to find a student to carry out the transfer of materials from the ForTIA web site to the FME web site.

Action 49/8: John Fitzgerald to report on the progress of establishing FME awards.

Will be finished in October. Action continues.

Action 51/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to review the membership list and make a suggestion on how to handle membership in the future.

Put on hold pending the outcome of a WG on FME directions and membership.

Action 52/2: John Fitzgerald to investigate coordination of FM conferences.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 52/3: Lars-Henrik Eriksson and Bernhard Aichernig to prepare a discussion note on services to FME members.

Subsumed by the WG mentioned above. Action closed.

Action 53/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to plan a recruitment campaign by the end of June.

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Action 54/1: Stefania Gnesi to seek member's views on how best to further strengthen the symposium's international reputation.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/2: Marcel Verhoef to advise on the recruitment of a new treasurer.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/3: Marcel Verhoef to update the sponsorship guide and include a requirement that requesters hold FME membership.

Subsumed by action 54/10.

Action 54/4: John Fitzgerald to plan joint activities with BCS/FACS and FMICS according to the Memoranda of Understanding. To be completed by mid-2012.

Progress with planning collaboration with FMICS for 2013, BCS/FACS contacted about 2013.

Allesandro Fantechi added that FMICS will organise the I-Day in 2013.

Action continues.

Action 54/5: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to organise a FME "brainstorming evening" during FM'12.

Done. Action closed.

Action 54/6: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to make a schedule for FME board meetings during 2012.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/7: John Fitzgerald to contact the Education Subgroup and check on the progress on making an activity plan by mid-2012.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/8: John Fitzgerald to ask Tim Denvir for a possible update of the FME web page on "Choosing a Formal Method".

In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/9: Bernhard Aichernig to improve the linking between the FME web page and the FME LinkedIn group.

Done. Action closed.

Action 54/10: Bernhard Aichernig to survey the FME web site and ensure that all documents are relevant and up to date.

Survey has been done. Marcel deals with the sponsorship guide. John updates FME policies and regulations and the "subgroups document". Action continues.

3 Report on FM'12

General co-chairs Kamel Barkaoui and Béatrice Bérard reported on the attendance. The total number of registred participants was 250. There were 160 registrations for tutorials/workshops and 150 for the main conference. There were approximately 10% industry participants and 40%

students, the remaining 50% being (non-student). Most participants were from Western Europe and Asia.

Two workshops were cancelled for lack of participants.

The PC co-chairs, Dominique Méry and Dimitra Giannakopoulou, reported on the symposium programme and PC work:

There were 162 submitted abstracts from 39 countries, followed by 132 full submissions. 28 full papers and 7 tool papers were accepted.

It was observed that the deadline was close to the deadlines of several other major conferences.

For each paper one PC member was lead reviewer with main responsibility for the paper. This helped getting discussions going.

For the next symposium, it is suggested to have a separate category of tutorial papers.

There was no proceedings for the I-Day as paper selection was too late for the Springer deadline.

Finance co-chair Bruno Monsuez reported on the economic situation. Registration income was 67 kEUR, committed sponsorships 16 kEUR for an estimated total income of 83 kEUR. Expenses were divided as follows: Lunches: 25 kEUR, workshop dinner: 4 kEUR, Social event: 16.6 kEUR, Reception: 5.5 kEUR, Proceedings: 8 kEUR, Invited speakers: 15 kEUR for total estimated expenses of 76 kEUR. The surplus would be 7 kEUR, however the estimate of expenses is pessimistic so in the end the surplus is expected to be higher.

4 FM'14

General Chair Jin Son Dong reported on the progress of FM'12 planning. They are about to invite PC members. There will be three program co-chairs: Cliff B. Jones [Newcastle U.], Pekka Pihlajasaari [Data Abstraction (Pty) Ltd., South Africa] and Jun Sun [Singapore U. of Technology and Design].

Posters have been made. There will be a specific category of tool papers. Work is in progress on the budget and sponsoring, but it is too early to give specifics.

5 ...and beyond

John Fitzgerald led a brief discussion on the continuation of the FM Symposia.

6 ICSE SCORE 2013

Matteo Rossi presented the idea and history of the ICSE SCORE contest. A change in 2013 is that instead of having a number of project alternatives, there will be a theme for the contest. He asked for FME to sponsor the 2013 contest as we have sponsored previous contests.

7 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting (the 2013 AGM) will be combined with talks/seminars. Tentatively, it will be held in February in the Netherlands.

8 Other Business

Isabelle Perseil proposed to organise a Summer School in FM and requested proposals.

Summary of open actions

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