



Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 51th meeting (AGM)
Held at the University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland
21 June 2010
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Present at the meeting were:

- Tijn Borghuis [TU Eindhoven] (By phone, agenda items 8-9)
- Andrew Butterfield [Trinity College Dublin]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. di Firenze]
- John Fitzgerald (Chairman) [Newcastle U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [ISTI] (By phone, agenda items 8-9)
- Mike Hinchey [U. of Limerick]
- Susan Mitchell [U. of Limerick]
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer) [Chess BV]

Apologies had been received from: Bernhard Aichernig, Cliff Jones, Stefan Gruner, Dino Mandreoli and Erik de Vink.

1 Welcome and agree upon agenda

John Fitzgerald welcomed the members present. He thanked Mike Hinchey for organising and hosting the meeting. The agenda was agreed upon.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions

One comment had been received about the original minutes from the Eindhoven meeting. The minutes had been revised and posted on the FME web site. The revised minutes of the meeting were approved.

Action 48/3: Marcel Verhoef to propose standard evaluation guidelines for FME Symposia
Unfeasible, action closed.

Action 49/6: Lars-Henrik Eriksson and Marcel Verhoef to wind down ForTIA.
In progress. Action continues.

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.
In progress. Action continues.

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

3 Annual report for 2009

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the annual report of the board for 2009 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

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

4 Financial report for 2009

Marcel Verhoef presented the financial report for 2009 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

5 Report by the Independent Financial Examiners

The independent financial examiners (Jeremy Bryans and Daniel Zimmerman) had individually checked the FME accounts and found no irregularities. The meeting discharged the Treasurer from his responsibilities during this period. John thanked the Treasurer and the independent financial examiners for their work.

6 Elections

a) One board member (treasurer), to serve until the 2013 AGM. In accordance with FME statutes, Marcel Verhoef (treasurer) stepped down as Board member. He had indicated his willingness to serve a further term. There were no other candidates to take his position. Therefore Marcel was reelected unopposed.

b) One board member, to serve until the 2013 AGM. In accordance with FME statutes, Bernhard Aichernig stepped down as Board member. He had indicated his willingness to serve a further term. There were no other candidates to take his position. Therefore Bernhard was reelected unopposed.

c) One Independent Financial Examiner for 2010 and 2011. According to FME statutes, Jeremy Bryans can not serve another term as independent financial examiner. The meeting expressed its thanks for his service. Alessandro Fantechi expressed interest in taking this role. He was elected *nem con*.

7 Plan for 2010

John Fitzgerald presented the plans by the Board for 2010 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the plans. Discussion on continued collaboration with ICSE following the successful collaboration on the ICSE SCORE student contest.

Action 51/2: Nico Plat to provide a short report on opportunities to organise a FM themed contribution to future ICSEs.

8 Budget for 2010

Marcel Verhoef presented the budget for 2010 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the budget.

Action 51/3: Marcel Verhoef to change to format of future budgets to make the financial goals more explicit.

9 Symposia

a) Final Report on FM'09. Tijn Borghuis presented the final report on FM'09 (attached to the minutes). John Fitzgerald extended his particular thanks for Tijn and Erik de Vink for their excellent organising work.

b) Status report on FM'11. Mike Hinchey, general chair of FM'11, reported on the current state of planning. Selected papers from the Symposium will be published in a special issue of the Computer Journal. David Gries has agreed to be the after dinner speaker. [Note: At the time of preparing these minutes, the contract between FME and Limerick for FM'11 has been signed.]

c) Plans for FM'12. Stefania Gnesi has issued a call for proposal with deadline in the end of July. One proposal has been received so far. [Note: At the time of preparing these minutes, four proposals have been received.]

10 Sponsorships

Marcel Verhoef presented the current sponsorship situation. EUR 5.000 has been budgeted for sponsorships on 2010. Sponsorship requests have been received (and granted) from SEFM'10, VECoS'2010 and ICTAC'10. Last year's ICTAC grant was unused and has been reallocated to ICTAC'10, thus it has no effect on the 2010 budget. Half of the sponsorship budget remains.

The board proposes to sponsor the ICSE SCORE student contest on Software Engineering in 2011. The sponsorship entails an FME award for the best team applying formal methods, and a travel grant for the winning team to visit ICSE'2011 in Hawaii where the SCORE awards will be presented. Nico Plat represents FME on the SCORE programme committee and gave a progress report to the meeting (attached to the minutes).

11 Report on small projects

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the status of the current small projects:

- Joe Kiniry & Dan Zimmerman, *JML Spec-a-thon*. The second Spec-a-thon was held at the University College Dublin in November 2009 with a dozen participants. A third Spec-a-thon is planned to be held in Copenhagen during the summer of 2010. The grant will expire in 2010.
- Stefan Gruner, *UML Use Cases and Logic*. The project has recently continued after having been on hold since the last report due to lack of staff. The next report is expected by the end of October 2010. The grant will expire in 2010.
- Juan Bicarregui et.al., *Surveying the Industrial Use of Formal Methods*. The project has acquired the domain name fmsurvey.org and have commissioned a professional web developer who has produced a web based questionnaire which will use for data collection. The website and questionnaire are currently being tested and the procedures for administering the data collected are being validated. The first annual report is expected by the end of 2010.

12 FME Education Subgroup

Jose Oliveira is planning for a TFM conference event at Limerick during FM'11 and also to start effective work on the FMBok Guide to the Formal Methods Body of Knowledge.

13 FME web site/WiKi/Electronic publications

Bernhard Aichernig plans to integrate ForTIA web contents into the FME web site for archiving purposes. He also suggests establishing a FME presence on Facebook. The meeting discussed possible use of social media by FME.

Action 51/4: Bernhard Aichernig to investigate a FME presence on LinkedIn (not Facebook).

14 Relations with industry

It was resolved that FME and FMICS would negotiate the content of a joint memorandum on future collaboration, including a commitment to organise at least one joint event per year, including FM Symposium I-Days.

Action 51/5: John Fitzgerald and Alessandro Fantechi to negotiate with FMICS about future collaboration.

15 Date and place of next meeting

To be communicated by the Secretary.

16 Other Business

There was no other business.

Summary of open actions

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