



**Formal Methods Europe  
Minutes of the 61<sup>th</sup> meeting (AGM) (revised)  
Held at the Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven,  
The Netherlands  
8 April 2016  
[www.fmeurope.org](http://www.fmeurope.org)**

Present at the meeting were:

FME members:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Ana Cavalcanti (Chair) [U. York]
- Erik de Vink [TU Eindhoven]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [CNR-ISTI]
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano]

*Apologies* had been received from: Maurice ter Beek, Eerke Boiten, Alessandro Fantechi, Stefan Gruner, Randy Johnson, Dino Mandrioli, Dominique Méry, Marcel Verhoef, Bruce W. Watson

### **1 Welcome and agree upon agenda**

Ana Cavalcanti welcomed the members present. The agenda was agreed upon after changing the years in item 6c to 2016 and 2017.

### **2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions**

The minutes of the London meeting were approved.

*Action 56/2: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to organise a consultation with the membership on FME directions.*

In progress, but now very near completion. Action continues.

*Action 59/1: Bernhard Aichernig to arrange for an update of the FME web page "Choosing a Formal Method".*

Done. Action closed.

*New action 61/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to put an item on the agenda of the coming Cyprus FME meeting questioning meeting participants what reports etc. about choosing a formal methods they know.*

### **3 Annual report for 2015**

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the annual report of the board for 2015 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report after changing the dates of FM'16 to November 7-11.

*New action 61/2: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to make a standing agenda item to ask non-members present to join FME.*

*New action 61/3: Nico Plat to check if Dutch law really requires new members to submit a signed written membership request.*

#### **4 Financial report for 2015**

Erik de Vink presented the financial report for 2015 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report.

#### **5 Report by the Independent Financial Examiners**

The independent financial examiners (Leo Freitas and Marcel Verhoef) had individually checked the FME accounts. These reports are attached to the minutes. The meeting discharged the Treasurer from his responsibilities during this period. Ana Cavalcanti thanked the Treasurer and the Independent Financial Examiners for their work.

#### **6 Elections**

**a) One board member (treasurer), to serve until the 2019 AGM.** In accordance with FME statutes, Erik de Vink (treasurer) stepped down as Board member. Erik had indicated his willingness to serve a further term. There were no other candidates to take his position. Therefore, Erik was reelected unopposed.

**b) One board member, to serve until the 2019 AGM.** In accordance with FME statutes, Bernhard Aichernig stepped down as Board member. He had declined re-election. Einar Broch Johnsen had offered taking over the role. There were no other candidates for the position. Requests for comments from members on Einar's candidacy had only elicited positive replies. Einar was elected unanimously. The meeting thanked Bernhard for his services as board member since 2004.

**c) One Independent Financial Examiner for 2016 and 2017.** According to FME statutes, Leo Freitas cannot serve another term as independent financial examiner. The meeting expressed its thanks for his service. Nico Plat had expressed interest in taking this role. He was elected *nem con*.

#### **7 Plan for 2016**

Ana Cavalcanti presented the plans by the Board for 2016 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the plans, with the addition of the organisation of a book review committee. Matteo Rossi was chosen to chair and organise the committee.

*New action 61/4: Matteo Rossi to organise the book review committee.*

#### **8 Budget for 2016**

Erik de Vink presented the budget for 2016. The meeting approved the budget *nem con*.

#### **9 FME web site/Electronic publications**

Bernhard Aichernig reported on the publication activities and plans (attached to the minutes).

*New action 61/5: Erik de Vink to approach Marco Bernardo about a Memorandum of Understanding with the SFM school to allow them the use of FME's publication channels.*

#### **10 Symposia**

##### **a) Final report on FM'15**

Stefania Gnesi reported on the end economic result of FM'15 – a surplus for FME of EUR 10.5k. It should be noted that FME also sponsored FM'15 workshops with EUR 5k.

##### **b) Report on FM'16.**

Stefania Gnesi presented a recent progress report by FM'16 General Chair Anna Philippou (attached to the minutes).

### c) Status report on FM'18

Stefania Gnesi reported on the discussions with FLoC organisers about joining FM'18 with FLoC'18 in Oxford.

*New action 61/6: Erik de Vink to investigate the consequences of offering FME members a discount on the FM'18 registration fee.*

### 11 FormaliSE

Nico Plat reported on the planning of the FME Workshop on Formal Methods in Software Engineering (FormaliSE) arranged by him and Stefania Gnesi and held in conjunction with ICSE 2016 in Austin, Texas. There were 18 submissions of which 8 (44%) were accepted. This is the lowest number of submissions in the workshop series expect for the very first workshop. Possible reasons are an unfortunate date (Sunday before the main ICSE conference) and the relative inaccessibility of the venue. (See also the presentation attached to the minutes.)

*New action 61/7: Ana Cavalcanti and Lars-Henrik Eriksson to contact members of the SE community about FME through FormaliSE.*

### 12 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Cyprus in November during the FM'16 symposium, most likely on the 10th.

### 13 Other Business

The was no other business.



Bernhard Aichernig with diploma of thanks from his fellow board members.

### **Summary of open actions**

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