Formal Methods Europe



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Priorities

- Success of FM 2024 and FormaliSE 2024
- Align the association to the new Dutch regulations for associations
- Consider open-access proceedings for FM2024
- Define and disseminate code of diversity for organisers
- Continue the discussion of the issues related for Formal Methods Education

Symposia

The main focus is the successful running of FM2024 and FormaliSE 2024, and the planning of FM2026. We will organise a consultation of the community and will consider how to take their views into account in FM2026.

Responsible: Maurice ter Beek and Ana Cavalcanti/Consultation: Einar Johnsen

Membership

We have achieved a sustainable (modestly increasing) level of membership. We will continue to make sure that the membership reflects the active members of the society. Alignment of the statute to the new Dutch regulations for associations may lead to a better management of the membership, which currently includes several members that are not reachable.

Responsible: Lars-Henrik Eriksson

Finances and sponsorship

We do not foresee a need to review our policies fundamentally in the coming year. We will discuss with the membership the possibility to invite special initiatives to use surplus funds. This is pending decision on open-access proceedings for FM, and definition of costs that the association may incur to support the transition to open access.

Responsible: Nico Plat

External relations

We will continue our cooperation with BCS-FACS and FMICS. We will continue to support the work of the committees.

Responsible: Ana Cavalcanti

Communications

We will continue to work with the Communications Committee to maintain the vitality of the various means of interaction with the community. Besides the website, which will remain as the FME's primary medium for disseminating its activities, we are using X,

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LinkedIn, and YouTube. We will continue holding the FME meetings also as webinars.

We will revisit the publicity plans for FM and FormaliSE.

Responsible: Einar Johnsen and Ana Cavalcanti

FME Fellowship and Lucas Award

We will work with the Awards Committee to prepare to confer a Fellowship Award during FM2024.

Responsible: Ana Cavalcanti and José Nuno

Book reviews

We will continue to work with the Book Review Committee to establish a steady stream of publications.

Responsible: Matteo Rossi

Support for teaching

We will continue to work to ensure the success of FMTea 2024 and the tutorial series, and to maintain the course database. We will start the development of an FM book series to describe key approaches to formal methods techniques (foundations, tools, applications, education material). With the support of ACM Formal Aspects of Computing, and a significant number of members, we are going to support the publication of position papers on the ACM guidelines for Computer Science Education.

Responsible: Luigia Petre

Formal methods in industry

We will work together with FMICS to support the organisation of the Industry Day, and of the series of industry talks and videos. We will seek to support other activities, increasing the visibility of formal methods.

Responsible: Tim Willemse

Coordination of events

We will keep the list of upcoming events in our homepage up to date and comprehensive to include major events in the area of formal methods.

Responsible: Einar Johnsen

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Code of diversity

Following the positive reaction to the code of conduct, we will define, together with the community, a code of diversity for event organisers. We will disseminate it with a view to encourage events in the area of formal methods to adopt a similar code.

Responsible: Ana Cavalcanti

Statute of the Association

We need to change the FME statute to align it with new Dutch legal requirements for the management of associations. In this opportunity we will review several aspects of the statutes that seem outdated and bring a proposal for discussion with the membership.

Responsible: Nico Plat