

Formal Methods Europe: report on activities in 2011

The FME Board February 2012

This report is a brief account of the association's activities between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011.

1. Board

Board members during the period were John Fitzgerald (Chairman), Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary), Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer), Stefania Gnesi (Symposia and Deputy Chair) and Bernhard Aichernig (Publications).

2. Membership

On 31 December 2011 the association had 202 members in total, an increase of 13 from the previous year. 130 members (64%) come from academic institutions, 62 (31%) from commercial institutions and 10 members (5%) have no affiliation or come from other institutions. The ration of academic members to other/commercial members) has been unchanged from the previous year. Roughly 75% of the members are based in Europe. Only a small part of the membership (estimated at less than 10%) is actively involved in FME activities.

3. Symposia

FM'11

FM'11 was held June 20-24 at the University of Limerick, Ireland, organised by the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre (Lero).

FM'12

FM'12 is being organised by the MeFoSyLoMa group of Parisian research laboratories and will be held August 27-31 at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Metiers (CNAM) in Paris. Kamel Barkaoui (CNAM) and Béatrice Bérard (LIP6) are general co-chairs. Dominique Méry (U. Nancy) and Dimitra Giannakopoulou (NASA Ames) are Programme Committee co-chairs.

4. Publications

The FME website, hosted by TU Graz and maintained by Bernhard Aichernig, and the FME mailing lists, maintained by Lars-Henrik Eriksson continue to be the main means of reporting information about FME.

FME also has a presence on the LinkedIn site.

5. Grants and sponsorships

During 2011, FME has sponsored several meetings and activities – VECOS 2010, the ICSE SCORE contest 2011, SAFECOMP 2011, AVOCS 2011, ICTAC 2011, ACSD 2011, PSI 2011 and ICFEM 2011. Refer to the Financial Report for details.

6. Special Interest Groups

FME currently operates a Special Interest Group on Education (convener Jose Nuno Oliveira).

7. Industry-Research Collaboration

FME has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with FMICS to collaborate in holding an annual joint industry-focussed event, such as the I-day of previous FM Symposia.

8. Meetings

Two meeting was held in 2011: in Paris (France) on 18 February (AGM) and in Limerick (Ireland) on 23 June. 22 persons participated in each meeting. The Board also held board meetings using Skype.