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ECCAI General Assembly

held in Edinburgh, Scotland
on
Tuesday, 2 August 2005
EICC, Harris Room, 17:45 - 19:45

1. Opening and Welcome

Werner Horn opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last General Assembly

The minutes of the last GA, held in Valencia, are approved.

3. Chairman's Annual Report

Werner Horn presents the chairman's Annual Report, which is available at http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport_2005.pdf

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

Hendrik Blockeel presents the Annual Report, available at: http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget_2005.pdf

5. Budget for 2005 and 2006

The budget for 2005 and 2006 together with the financial status was presented by Hendrik Blockeel and is available at: http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget_2005.pdf

6. Final Report on ECAI-04 (Valencia)

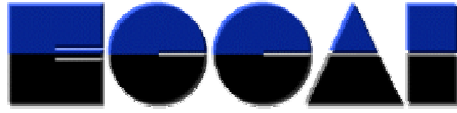
ECAI-04 in Valencia was a large success: there have been 726 attendees of which 569 attended at least one of the 28 workshops. The tutorials also have been accepted very well. From a scientific and a financial aspect the conference was a big success. Many thanks to the organizers!

Bids for ECAI-10 are welcome.

7. Report on ACAI-05 Summer School (Ljubljana)

ACAI-05 in Ljubljana was on "Advance Knowledge Technologies"; there have been 82 participants and it has been a big success. Many thanks to Nada Lavrac, Mitja Jermol and their team!

Bids for ACAI-07 are welcome.



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8. ECCAI Travel Grant Program

For the ACAI-05 Summer School we had 10 travel grant winners, each of them received 400€

9. ECAI-2006 in Italy: Progress Report

Preparation for ECAI-2006 in Trentino is on its way. It is decided that Silvia Coradeschi will replace Rob Milne as conference chair. It is decided that there will be no call for tutorials, they will be by invitation only. There is a discussion about a slight update of submission dates.

10. The ECCAI Dissertation Award

Ulises Cortés presented the result of the 2004 Dissertation Award. There were six candidates from five countries and the winner is Zeynep Kiziltan from the Department of Information Science, Uppsala University, Sweden with the thesis: "Symmetry Breaking Ordering Constraints".

11. The ECCAI Fellows Programme

This year we have 9 new fellows (for a list of them, please visit the link in www.eccai.org). Unfortunately only two of them have been able to attend the fellow lunch; next year we try to improve this.

12. Status of AICom

Maarten Froehlich from IOS reports about the status AICOM, especially about the usage of the electronic access. There is a discussion aiming at an easier electronic access for individual members, about the promotion from the publisher's side and about a possible ECCAI-Logo at the cover page of the journal. There are plans for a Rob Milne memorial book in the series Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications.

13. Status of ETAI: The Electronic Transactions on AI

ETAI still is in an inactive phase.

14. ECAI-08 in Greece: Status Report

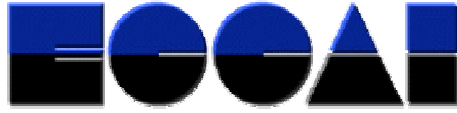
Constantinos Spyropoulos gave a status report of the preparation for ECAI-08 in Patras, which showed that everything is running smoothly.

15. ECCAI Membership Fees for 2006

There are no changes.

16. Membership Status of Societies

There is a discussion on possible memberships of Poland and Romania. Also Turkey is considered to become a member; contacts to the Turkish AI society are improving.



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17. ECAI-10: Initial Proposals

For the next GA proposal and bids for ECAI-10 are welcome.

18. Date for the Next General Assembly for 2006

August 29th, 2006 during ECAI in Riva del Garda.

19. Any Other Business

For the next GA the following bids are welcome:

- Bids for organisation of ECAI-10
- Bids for topics and Organisation of ACAI-2007
- Proposals for PC-Chair ECAI-2008

20. Closing

at 19:45.

Attendees: The ECCAI Board and the following delegates

Baader, Franz	GI/KI (Germany)
Bratko, Ivan	SLAIS (Slovenia)
Bridge, Derch	AIAI (Ireland)
Lavrac, Nada	SLAIS (Slovenia)
Lhotska, Lenka	CSKI (Czech Republic)
Lopez de Mantaras, Ramon	ACIA (Catalonia)
Markovitch, Shaul	IAAI (Israel)
Palioura, Georgios	EETN (Greece)
Roosmaa, Tiit	LIKS-AIS (Lithuania)
Rosenschein, Jeff	IAAI (Israel)
Sebag, Michele	AFIA (France)
Spyropoulos, Constantine	EETN (Greece)
Traverso, Paolo	AIIA (Italy)
Wotawa, Franz	ÖGAI (Austria)
Horn, Werner	ECCAI Board, Chair
Furbach, Uli	ECCAI Board, Minutes
Blockeel, Hendrik	ECCAI Board
Coradeschi, Silvia	ECCAI Board
Cordier, Marie-Odile	ECCAI Board
Cortes, Ulises	ECCAI Board
Brewka, Gerhard	ECAI 06
Froehlich, Maarten	IOS (on item 12)