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**General Assembly at Salons Georges, Leuven, Belgium
on 24 August 2007, 15:00-17:00**

ECCAI Board: Werner Horn (Chair), Marie-Odile Cordier, Gerhard Brewka, Hendrik Blockeel, Paolo Traverso, Ulises Cortés

1. Opening and Welcome

Attendees: see attached list.

Minutes: Gerd Brewka

2. Approval of Minutes of last General Assembly

Minutes approved without corrections.

3. Chairman's Annual Report [WH]

- Chairman reports about Travel Grants, Dissertation Award, new ECCAI Fellows, ECCAI Bulletin, and cooperation with IOS Press.
- The full report is available at http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport_2007.pdf

4. Treasurer's Annual Report [HB]

- SSKI-SAV has not paid membership fees for 2006
- Membership is slightly decreasing (about 100 members lost)
- Finances are in very good shape due to ECAI-06 financial success.

5. Budget for 2007 and 2008 [HB]

- Some minor adjustments were made, due to the positive experience with ECAI-06. The report is available at http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget_2007.pdf

6. Final Report on ECAI-06

- The final report written by Paolo Traverso and his team was approved.

7. ACAI 2007 (Leuven) Progress Report [HB]

- ACAI had 8 courses, a poster session (about 20 student posters presented), and 1 invited talk (the dissertation award talk).
- The number of participants was 59, which is sufficient to break even.

8. ECAI 2008 (Patras) Progress Report [Constantine Spyropoulos]

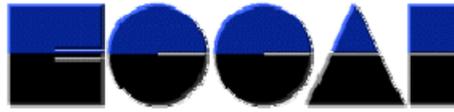
- The dates for submission (Feb. 25), notification (April 28) etc. have been fixed.
- Recruiting PAIS, STAIRS and area chairs is underway, web page needs continuous updating.
- GB stresses the importance of the Workshop Chair. Workshop call should be out as soon as possible.

9. ECAI 2010 (Lisbon) Progress Report

- No report given, WH has received a short written report after the meeting.

10. ECCAI Travel Grant Program [GB]

- 6 travel grants for ACAI 2007 were given
- 1 ACAI participant was funded under the Central & Eastern European support scheme
- Number of possible grants not exhausted
- Upto 25 students attending ECAI will be funded in 2008



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11. ECCAI Dissertation Award [UC]

- There were 11 candidates for the award this year, the highest number ever.
- Recipient, Kristian Kersting, presents his award talk during ACAI-07
- It is becoming increasingly difficult to find reviewers.
- Option of having a selection committee is discussed.

12. ECCAI Fellows Program [WH]

- Discussed Christian Freksa's initiative to change the nomination procedure.
- Current nomination procedure through national societies will remain.
- Also nominations supported by 2 ECCAI fellows from different countries will be possible.

13. Status of ACom [WH]

- Free online access to ACom via the ECCAI web pages is possible for Vol. 20.
- IOS Press charges EUR 2000 for this.
- After one year of experience the board will evaluate the method.
- The editor, Enrico Giunchiglia, has planned 2 special issues (EUMAS, network analysis)
- For the time being no further special issues will be accepted.

14. ECCAI membership fees for 2008

- No changes

15. Membership status of societies

- SSKI-SAV did not pay membership fee since 2004, does not react to reminders and emails.
- Membership of SSKI-SAV will be suspended (same situation as with Norway).

16. Date for next board meeting and general assembly

- The spring board meeting will be combined with a site visit in Patras (tent. dates: April 11-12)
- The general assembly will be held during ECAI-08 in Patras.

17. Any other business

- Questionnaire sent out by Ramon Lopez de Mantaras about a "society of AI societies".
- WH will get in touch with Ramon and answer the query.

18. Closing



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Attendees: The following delegates and the ECCAI Board

Brewka, Gerd	GI/KI (Germany)
Ivanevska, Aneta	SLAIS (Slovenia)
Agell, Nuria	ACIA (Catalonia)
Cordier, Marie-Odile	AFIA (France)
Spyropoulos, Constantine	EETN (Greece)
Nowe, Ann	BNVKI (Belgium/Netherlands)
Horn, Werner	ÖGAI (Austria)
Horn, Werner	ECCAI Board, Chair
Brewka, Gerd	ECCAI Board, Minutes
Blockeel, Hendrik	ECCAI Board
Cordier, Marie-Odile	ECCAI Board
Cortes, Ulises	ECCAI Board