



# MINUTES

## **ECCAI General Assembly**

IJCAI-11, Barcelona, Spain

Tuesday, 19 July 2011, 20:00 – 21:00

Minutes: G. Brewka

### **1. Welcome and Opening**

G. Brewka opens the GA and introduces the other participating board members: Grigoris Antoniou, Ann Nowé, Jérôme Lang, Michael Wooldridge.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of Last General Assembly**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

### **3. Chairman's Report (G. Brewka)**

The chairman reports about the general financial situation of ECCAI, travel support for ACAI-11, conference funding, dissertation award, new ECCAI-fellows, the new agreement for ECAI proceedings with IOS Press which makes sure that all future and past proceedings published with IOS Press are made available online, and changes related to AICom since Maria Fox became Editor in Chief as of January 2011. Moreover, he reports about the AI societies meeting and an IJCAI/ECCAI meeting where possible forms of cooperation between the two organizations were discussed in case IJCAI decides to have an annual conference.

The full report is available at [http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport\\_2011.pdf](http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport_2011.pdf).

### **4. Treasurer's Report (Ann Nowé)**

The treasurer reports about the financial situation of ECCAI. Due to recent successful ECAIs the situation is healthy. Income from ECAI-10 was around 25K Euros. She also presents the proposed budget for 2012.

### **5. ACAI-11 Report (Bernhard Nebel)**

Bernhard Nebel gives a brief report on ACAI-11. The school had 60 participants and was highly successful. It offered 9 courses from international experts in the field of planning. In particular the collocation with ICAPS proved very fruitful. About 90% of the ACAI participants later attended the conference. The ACAI-11 model of collocating with a specialized conference thematically related to the topic of the school may serve as a role model for future ACAIs.



## **6. ECAI 2012 Progress Report (Christian Bessière, Luc de Raedt)**

Both the local organization chair and the PC chair gave a brief overview of the state of preparations of ECAI-12. To save money the local organizers consider organizing workshops and tutorials at the university so that the conference center needs only be booked during the main conference. The program will celebrate the Turing centenary and 25 years of ACom (with a planned issue on highlights of European AI).

## **7. IOS Press and ACom (Maarten Fröhlich)**

The IOS Press representative gave an overview of recent changes related to ACom (new editorial system, new tutorial and position papers track, special issue related to 25 years of ACom) and ECAI proceedings.

## **8. Membership Application of ARIA (Andrei Ciortea)**

Andrei Ciortea, one of the founding members of ARIA, the Romanian Association of AI, presented the society and the situation of AI in Romania in general.

In the subsequent vote ARIA was unanimously accepted as a new member of ECAI which now has 29 societies representing 29 countries.

## **9. Any Other Business**

The next general assembly will be held during ECAI-12 in Montpellier.

## **10. Closing**