Association Computability in Europe Annual General Meeting
Paris, France
30 June 2016, 5pm-6pm

Participants:

- Arrighi Pablo (Université d'Aix-Marseille, France)
- Beckmann Arnold (Swansea University, Wales/UK)
- Begs Edwin (Swansea, Wales/UK)
- Bienvenu Laurent (CNRS & Montpellier University, France)
- Bonizzoni Paola (Milan, Italy)
- Bournez Olivier (Ecole Polytechnique, France)
- Brattka Vasco (Universität der Bundeswehr München (Germany) & Univ. Cape Town (South-Africa))
- Carbone Alessandra (Université Pierre et Marie Curie, France)
- Chazelle Bernard (Princeton University, USA)
- Czeizler Eugen (Abo Akademi, Finland)
- De Mol Liesbeth (CNRS – STL University of Lille 3, France)
- Dimitrov Rumen (WIU, USA)
- Guillon Pierre (CNRS & Université d'Aix-Marseille, France)
- Jonoska Natasha (University of South Florida, USA)
- Kristiansen Lars (Oslo, Norway)
- Li Yu (Mis, Université de Picardie Jules Vernes, France)
- Löwe Benedikt (Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands & Universität Hamburg, Germany)
- Martin Barnaby (Middlesex University, UK)
- Mayordomo Elvira (University Zaragoza, Spain)
- Miller Russell (City University of New York, USA)
- Normann Dag (University of Oslo, Norway)
- Pauly Arno (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)
- Pégny Maël (CNRS, Université de Paris, France)
- Petre Jon (Turku, Finland)
- Petrakis Iosif (University of Munich, Germany)
- Primiero Giuseppe (Middlesex University London, UK)
- Stephan Frank (Singapore)
- Soskova Alexandra (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
- Soskova Mariya (Sofia University, Bulgaria)
- Verlan Sergey (Paris, France)
- Visser Albert (Ultrecht)
- Ziegler Martin (Kaist, Rep. Korea)

President Dag Normann (DN) opens the meeting, It is decided that Benedikt Löwe (BL) will chair the AGM and that Olivier Bournez (OB) will take the minutes of the AGM.

BL recalls the agenda transmitted by email to members of the association on 22 June 2016.

1) Opening
2) Reports
    a. Report from the president
    b. Report from the chair of the Steering Committee of the Conference series
    c. Report from the treasurer
    d. Other reports
3) Election of members of the Council
4) Election of officers
    a. The President
    b. The Secretary General
    c. The treasurer
    d. The chair of the Steering Committee
5) AOB

2) Reports

2.1) Report from the president

BL invites DN, acting President, to report.

DN recalls that the event with the largest impact for CiE was the untimely death of the former president S. Barry Cooper on October 26, 2015.

The members of the Association remember their former president in a minute of silence.

DN recalls that the new constitution was approved by the AGM in 2015; the electronic vote required by the old constitution was organized by BL, and the new constitution was accepted by the membership on February 1, 2016.

At the AGM 2015 there were two vacancies in the Board, the office of president and one one regular Board membership without office. No one was elected as president and Paola Bonizzoni was elected as regular Board member for the period 2015-19. According to Article 7 (iv) of the old constitution, the Board appointed Dag Normann as acting President for 2015/16. Since he had vacated the office of Treasurer, the Board appointed Paola Bonizzoni as acting Treasurer for 2015/16. In turn, this appointment left a regular board position vacant, and the Board appointed Liesbeth De Mol (LDM) as a Board member for 2015/16. One important task for the Board has been to prepare for transition to the new Governance structure. Its decisions were presented under item 3. of the Agenda.

2.3 Report from treasurer

For practical reasons, DN gives the report prepared by the Treasurer, Paola Bonizzoni (PB). DN reports that the only source of income for the Association royalties from Springer Verlag for the books in the book series. The only expense in 2016 is membership fee to DLMPST. The total assets of the association is 1615 euros. Of these, 142.10 euros are on an account maintained by the EATCS on behalf of the Association, and 1472.90 euros are currently unpaid claims.

2.2 Report from the chair of the Steering Committee of the Conference series

BL invites Arnold Beckmann (AB) to report.

AB thanks the PC of CiE 2016 warmly, in particular the PC chairs Laurent Bienvenu and Natasha Jonoska, for selecting a very good scientific program, and the local organizers of CiE 2016 in Paris, in particular the OC chair Paulin de Naurois and main organizer for Université Paris 7, Alexis Saurin.

The conference CiE 2017 will be in Turku (Finland), organised by Ion Petre (IP) and Jarkko Kari. IP announces that the dates are June 12-16 2017, and mentions as plenary speakers Scott Aaronson (tentative, to be confirmed), Karen Lange, Ludovic Patey, Nicole Schweikardt, Alexander Shen and Moshe Vardi. A short presentation about CiE 2017 is announced for the following day (before the lunch break).

Computability in Europe 2018 will be in Kiel. Dates are still to be confirmed for 2018.

AB mentions that the location for CiE 2019 and any following years has not been fixed yet. Proposals are very welcome, in particular from countries that never hosted a CiE conference.

2.4 Other reports

BL invites Vasko Brattka (VB) to report on the journal 'Computability'.

VB reports that the journal Computability founded in 2012 is running well. Several applications have been done to get the journal indexed in international journal databases. This process takes time, and a formal answer is expected in 2017.

VB reports on changes in the editorial board. In particular, Barry Cooper is now posthumously listed as an honorary editor of the journal in recognition of his work for the journal.

VB recalls that the journal is open to all topics in the wide scope of the Association, including areas such as history and philosophy of computing, biological models of computation and many others. The journal currently has more submissions from traditional areas of computability theory and the editorial board would like to see this change in the future.

Currently the journal has two issues by year. Barry Cooper was in favour of themed issues, but the editorial board had felt that with only two issues per year, reserving one for a themed issue was inappropriate. As the journal has now a backlog of accepted papers, the editors are going to propose to the publisher to increase the number of issues per year to four. This will also permit the production of one themed issue per year. The very first themed issue will be a memorial special issue in memory of Barry Cooper, edited by BL.

BL invites Elvira Mayordomo (EM) to report on the book series. EM reports that currently four books have been published of which two recently came out (Volume 3 by Normann & Longley and Volume 4 by Soare) and several books are in preparation. EM reports that Laurent Bienvenu and Prakash Panangaden were added to the editorial board of the book series.

2) Election of members for the council.

BL recalls that a new constitution has been approved unanimously by the AGM in 2015. The new constitution was accepted by the membership on February 1, 2016.

BL recalls that the AGM in 2015 also gave mandate to the board to implement the transition from the current to the new council. Following decisions of the board transmitted previously to membership by email, the council will have eleven members after CiE 2016. Four of these are Council members by transition from the old governance structure and the former President is a Council member for eight years by Article F of the Constitution, and six will be elected.

Concretely, the current situation is the following for the council:

  Pablo Arrighi (Marseille, Member-at-Large EC, 2016-2018)
  Arnold Beckmann (Swansea, Member-at-Large EC; 2016-2017)
  Olivier Bournez (Paris, Member-at-Large EC, 2016-2017)
  Elvira Mayordomo (Zaragoza, Member-at-Large EC, 2016-2018)
  Dag Normann (Oslo, Past President, 2016-2024)

BL reads the articles of the constitution related to elections and reminds that members can be nominated for election to the council by e-mail until 24 hours before the AGM or in person at the AGM. According to the constitution, BL as chair of the AGM will serve automatically as election chair.

The board nominated the following people for the Council
- Paola Bonizzoni (Milan)
- Florin Manea (Kiel)
- Liesbeth De Mol (Lille)
- Giuseppe Primiero (London)

One further nomination was received by e-mail before the deadline set by the constitution:

- Janos Makowsky (Technion,Haifa)

Finally, DN made another nomination at the AGM:

- Martin Ziegler (KAIST, Korea)

All six nominees have given their consent to serve on the Council. According to the constitution, written elections are not necessary if there are no more candidates than seats and if no member insists on a secret ballot. BL asks whether anyone insists on a secret ballot and whether anyone objects to voting on all six candidates in one vote. No one objects.

BL asks whether the AGM wishes to elect the six mentioned candidates to the Council. The AGM unanimously elects the six candidates with one abstention.

4) Election of officers

4.a) The President

Paola Bonizzoni (PB) was nominated for the office of President. PB has agreed to serve if elected. BL asks for a vote and PB is elected unanimously.

4.b) The Secretary General

Giuseppe Primiero (GP) was nominated for the office of Secretary General. GP has agreed to serve if elected. BL asks for a vote and GP is elected unanimously with one abstention.

4.c) The treasurer

Dag Normann (DN) was nominated for the office of Treasurer. DN has agreed to serve if elected. BL asks for a vote and DN is elected unanimously.

4.d) The chair of the Steering Committee

Florin Manea (FM) was nominated for the office of Treasurer. FM has agreed to serve if elected. BL asks for a vote and FM is elected unanimously.

5) AOB

The new constitution allows the formation of *special interest groups* within the Association. Liesbeth de Mol (LdM) announces that a proposal to the Council will be made to form a special interest group "Women in Computability". This announcement is warmly received by the AGM.

BL closes the agenda. DN remarks that with the new elections, BL is now not part of the governance structure of the Association anymore and says a few words on the role played by BL for the Association. The AGM gives BL an applause. BL closes the meeting and thanks all participants.

Postscript. The number of members of the association at the date of the AGM is 1219 members. In 2015 this was 1269, but with at most 1069 valid emails. Following last AGM decision, Peter van Emde Boas (PvEB) helped OB to search for emails for non-functioning emails. Members for whom no valid e-mail address was found by PvEB and OB were deleted from the membership database according to last AGM decision. The number of members before the conference CiE 2016 was 1172 (resulting also from some spontaneous meanwhile new inscriptions). Among online registrations for CIE 2016, 47 new members registered online and selected the option to be a member of the association).