



Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 50th meeting (Revised)
held at the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, The Netherlands
5 November 2009
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Present at the meeting were:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Jos Baeten [TU Eindhoven]
- Luis Barbosa [U. do Minho]
- Marco Bernardo [U. of Urbino]
- Tijn Borghuis [TU Eindhoven]
- Raymond Boute [U. Gent]
- Harald Brandl [TU Graz]
- Jeremy Bryans [Newcastle U.]
- Michael Butler [U. of Southampton]
- Ana Cavalcanti [U. of York]
- Joey Coleman [Newcastle U.]
- Dennis Dams [Bell Labs Antwerp]
- Jin-Song Dong [National U. of Singapore]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. di Firenze]
- John Fitzgerald (Chairman) [Newcastle U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [ISTI]
- Christoph Herrmann [U. of St. Andrews]
- Randolph Johnson [National Security Agency (USA)]
- Cliff Jones [Newcastle U.]
- Willibald Krenn [TU Graz]
- Christian Lamberz [U. of Mannheim]
- Peter Gorm Larsen [Aarhus School of Engineering]
- Dino Mandrioli [Politecnico di Milano]
- Dominique Méry [U. Henri Poincaré]
- Angelo Morzenti [Politecnico di Milano]
- Shin Nakajima [National Institute of Informatics (Japan)]
- Jose Nuno Oliveira [U. do Minho]
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Jaco van de Pol [U. of Twente]
- Kees Pronk [TU Delft]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano]
- Andreas Roth [SAP]
- Wolfgang Schreiner [U. Linz]
- Neeraj Kumar Singh [U. Henri Poincaré]
- Kenji Taguchi [National Institute of Informatics (Japan)]
- Stefano Tonetta [FBR-IRST]
- Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer) [Chess BV]
- Erik de Vink [TU Eindhoven]
- Burkhard Wolff [U. Paris-Sud]

Apologies had been received from Eerke Boiten and Bruce Watson.

1 Welcome

John Fitzgerald welcomed the members present. He thanked Tijn Borghuis and the Technische Universiteit Eindhoven for hosting the meeting.

2 Agree upon agenda

The agenda was agreed upon.

3 Minutes of the meeting held in London, UK, on 2 April 2009

One comment had been received about the original minutes from the London meeting and the minutes had been revised. The revised minutes of the meeting were approved.

4 Action list

Action 48/3: Marcel Verhoef to propose standard evaluation guidelines for FME Symposia.

No progress. Action continues.

Action 48/9: Bernhard Aichernig to publish outcomes of FME-sponsored projects on the web site.

Done. Action closed.

Action 49/1: Bernhard Aichernig to publish an overview of FME sponsorships on the web site.

Done. Action closed.

Action 49/2: Eerke Boiten to provide a report on REFINE'08 and promotion for REFINE'09 to be published on the web site.

Done. Action closed.

Action 49/3: Dino Mandrioli to provide material about SCORE for the FME web site.

Done. Action closed.

Action 49/4: Marcel Verhoef to check on the progress of the small project by Kiniry&Zimmerman.

A report from Kiniry is attached to these minutes. Action closed.

Action 49/5: Bernhard Aichernig to get a date from Minho when the Tools Repository will be online.

The Tools Repository is online now. Action closed.

Action 49/6: Lars-Henrik Eriksson and Marcel Verhoef to wind down ForTIA.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 49/7: Marcel Verhoef and Bernhard Aichernig to determine what material to transfer from the ForTIA web site to the FME web site and to carry out the transfer.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 49/8: John Fitzgerald to report on the progress of establishing FME awards.

Not completed. Action continues.

5 Report on FM'09

Ana Cavalcanti reported on the PC work. 45 out of 139 submissions were accepted. The submissions were generally of high quality. Tijn Borghuis reported on the local organisation. The FM Symposium had 211 participants. Including satellite events the number of participants were 343. FMweek was a great success. The presentations by Ana and Tijn with more details are attached to these minutes.

6 Planning of FM'11

John Fitzgerald informed on the progress in planning the FM'11 symposium at Limerick, Ireland, June 20-24 2011 with Mike Hinchey as general chair. Michael Butler (U. Southampton) and Wolfram Schulte (Microsoft Research) have been appointed PC chairs.

7 Report on web activities

Bernhard Aichernig reported on the new FME web site with news, minutes, project reports... The FME tools repository is online again hosted by the University of Minho. Everyone is encouraged to submit news (e.g. workshop announcements), tools information and other information relevant for FME.

8 Report on ForTIA and I-day

John Fitzgerald announced that since there have been no objections, ForTIA will be closed down as decided at the London AGM. FME will continue to organise the I-Day.

9 Discussion on possible name change from Formal Methods Europe to Formal Methods Association

John Fitzgerald raised the question of the association's name. The name "Formal Methods Europe" has historical reasons. The name can be misleading as FME activities are not targeted specifically at Europe and it is occasionally a hindrance. One suggestion is to change the name to "Formal Methods Association". The board encourages members to contact the board with their opinions and comments.

10 Discussion on better coordination of the FM Symposia with other formal methods conferences

John Fitzgerald reported that there has been E-mail discussion between the organisers of several FM conferences. It is a crowded situation and there should be better coordination in the future. Discussions will continue.

11 Date and place of next meeting

No suggestion yet. The board will be back with a suggestion.

12 Other Business

Reports on the Small Projects by Larsen, Kinnery & Zimmerman and Gruner have been received and will be placed on the FME web site.

Dino Mandrioli reported on SCORE'2009, which was supported by FME. There are plans for a further SCORE in 2011 co-chaired by Matteo Rossi and Michal Young.

Summary of open actions

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