



Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 54th meeting (AGM)
Held at the British Computer Society, London, UK
16 February 2012
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Present at the meeting were:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Derek Andrews
- Jonathan Bowen [BCS-FACS and Museophile Ltd.]
- John Cooke [BCS-FACS]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. di Firenze]
- John Fitzgerald (Chairman) [Newcastle U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [ISTI-CNR]
- Mike Hinchey [LERO, U. Limerick]
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano]
- Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer) [Chess BV]

Apologies had been received from: Beatrice Berard, Eerke Boiten, Marie-Claude Gaudel, Stefan Gruner, Cliff Jones, Peter Gorm Larsen, Dino Mandrioli, Kees Pronk, and Bruce W. Watson.

1 Welcome and agree upon agenda

John Fitzgerald welcomed the members present. He thanked Jonathan Bowen, John Cooke and BCS-FACS for hosting the meeting. The agenda was agreed upon.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions

The minutes of the Limerick meeting were approved.

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.

It remains to put the material on the FME web site. Action continues.

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

Plans will be finalised over the next six months. Action continues.

Action 51/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to review the membership list and make a suggestion on how to handle membership in the future.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 51/5: John Fitzgerald and Alessandro Fantechi to negotiate with FMICS about future collaboration.

Done. Refer to minutes of the 53rd meeting. Action closed.

Action 52/1: Nico Plat to organise a FM themed contribution (workshop) at ICSE 2012.

Nico, Stefania Gnesi, Stefan Gruner, and Berhard Rumpe have arranged the FormSERA (Formal Methods in Software Engineering: Rigorous and Agile Approaches) workshop at ICSE 2012. Action closed.

Action 52/2: John Fitzgerald to investigate coordination of FM conferences.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 52/3: Lars-Henrik Eriksson and Bernhard Aichernig to prepare a discussion note on services to FME members.

In progress. Action continues.

Action 53/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to plan a recruitment campaign.

In progress. Action continues.

3 Annual report for 2011

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the annual report of the board for 2011 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

4 Financial report for 2011

Marcel Verhoef presented the financial report for 2011 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

5 Report by the Independent Financial Examiners

The independent financial examiners (Alessandro Fantechi and Marie-Claude Gaudel) had individually checked the FME accounts and found no irregularities. The meeting discharged the Treasurer from his responsibilities during this period. John thanked the Treasurer and the independent financial examiners for their work.

6 Elections

a) One board member (secretary), to serve until the 2015 AGM. In accordance with FME statutes, Lars-Henrik Eriksson (secretary) stepped down as Board member. He had indicated his willingness to serve a further term. There were no other candidates to take his position. Therefore Lars-Henrik was reelected unopposed.

b) One Independent Financial Examiner for 2012 and 2013. According to FME statutes, Allesandro Fantechi can not serve another term as independent financial examiner. The meeting expressed its thanks for his service. Matteo Rossi expressed interest in taking this role. He was elected *nem con*.

7 Plan for 2012

John Fitzgerald presented the plans by the Board for 2012 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the plans. Marcel Verhoef indicated that he does not intend to stand for reelection as Treasurer when his current term of office expires at the 2013 AGM.

Action 53/1 to be completed by the end of June.

New action 54/1: Stefania Gnesi to seek member's views on how best to further strengthen the symposium's international reputation.

New action 54/2: Marcel Verhoef to advise on the recruitment of a new treasurer.

New action 54/3: Marcel Verhoef to update the sponsorship guide and include a requirement that requesters hold FME membership.

New action 54/4: John Fitzgerald to plan joint activities with BCS/FACS and FMICS according to the Memoranda of Understanding. To be completed by mid-2012.

New action 54/5: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to organise a FME "brainstorming evening" during FM'12.

New action 54/6: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to make a schedule for FME board meetings during 2012.

8 Budget for 2012

Marcel Verhoef presented the budget for 2012 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the budget *nem con*.

9 Symposia

a) Final report on FM'11. Mike Hinchey, general chair of FM'11, reported that the estimated surplus of the symposium is EUR 20,140.00 (of which 60% will go to FME). The books are

expected to be closed in 1-2 weeks. On behalf of FME, Stefania Gnesi thanked Mike Hinchey for arranging FM'11.

b) Status report on FM'12. No report had been received from the FM'12 organisers. Stefania Gnesi noted that invited speakers had been chosen and 10 workshop proposals had been accepted. [After the meeting, a report was received. It is attached to these minutes.]

c) Plan FM'14. Stefania Gnesi reported that the Call for Proposals has been issued with a mid-May deadline. Submissions from outside Europe are encouraged. A decision will be made in time to be announced at FM'12. Mike Hinchey indicated that there was an opportunity to hold FM'14 in conjunction with the NASA Formal Methods event in April 2014 in Washington, D.C.

10 Report on small projects

The funding of all small projects ended in 2010, although they may continue with other funding.

11 FME Education Subgroup

Activity in the Education Subgroup has been very low. The Subgroup is requested to make a plan on how its activities should proceed in the future. If no plan has been made by mid-2012, the group will be closed as a formal subgroup of FME.

New action 54/7: John Fitzgerald to contact the Education Subgroup and check on the progress on making an activity plan by mid-2012.

12 FME web site/WiKi/Electronic publications

Bernhard Aichernig reported on the publication activities and plans (attached to the minutes). People should be actively invited to participate in LinkedIn discussions.

New action 54/8: John Fitzgerald to ask Tim Denvir for a possible update of the FME web page on "Choosing a Formal Method".

New action 54/9: Bernhard Aichernig to improve the linking between the FME web page and the FME LinkedIn group.

New action 54/10: Bernhard Aichernig to survey the FME web site and ensure that all documents are relevant and up to date.

13 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at FM'12 in Paris. Preliminary date/time August 30 at lunch.

14 Other Business

Jonathan Bowen mentioned a course in Oxford on "Turing's worlds", June 23-24. (<http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/details.php?id=G100-20>)

Derek Andrews suggested commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Colossus computer in 2013.

Summary of open actions

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Status report on FM'12 by Kamel Barkaoui, February 23

10 selected workshops proposals and two co-located events (UTP and FHIES) are planned to be held on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August

Tutorials deadline is 31 March, we plan to organise two one-day tutorials (or four half day tutorials)

Call for papers for the PhD symposium is launched and submission deadline is for 12 April. This (one day) symposium is planned for Tuesday 28 August

About Industry day planned for 30 August, we received some potential submissions (also for exhibition tool) and wait for their confirmation and other industrial participants

Three invited speakers were selected by the PC co-chairs. (Submission deadline for FM 2012 is approaching: 5 March.)

About sponsors, we received financial support from our different parisian institutions and are waiting for more from others ...

About logistics, things are going well (lunches will be served at Cnam restaurant all five days of the symposium).

The dinner gala for Thursday 30 is planned in a Bateau Mouche (dinner on a boat with a view of Paris by night along the river Seine).

About welcome reception on Wednesday, we planned first to organize it in the City Hall of Paris (Hotel de ville), but unfortunately all the lounges (les salons) of the City hall are busy Wednesday 29 (they proposed to us Tuesday 30 but this is in conflict with the dinner gala). So we now prospect two others alternatives : the City hall of the 3eme district of Paris near Cnam or in the Chapel of the Museum of Cnam (the place where the Foucault pendulum is)