



**Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 56th meeting (AGM)
Held at the CWI, Amsterdam
8 March 2013
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Present at the meeting were:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Kamel Barkaoui [CNAM]
- Maurice ter Beek [ISTI-CNR]
- Menouer Boubekeur [UTRC Ireland]
- Andrew Butterfield [Trinity College Dublin]
- Ana Cavalcanti [U. York]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Peter van Emde Boas [U. Amsterdam (retired)] (Not a FME member.)
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. Florence]
- John Fitzgerald (Chairman) [Newcastle U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [CNR-ISTI]
- Marieke Huisman [U. Twente]
- Cliff Jones [Newcastle U.]
- Dino Mandreoli [Politecnico di Milano]
- Bruno Monsuez [ENSTA-Paristech] (Not a FME member.)
- Nico Plat [West Consulting BV]
- Kees Pronk [TU Delft]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano]
- Marcel Verhoef (Treasurer) [Chess BV]
- Erik de Vink [TU Eindhoven]
- Jim Woodcock [U. York]

Apologies had been received from: Derek Andrews, Eerke Boiten, Stefan Gruner, and Bruce W. Watson.

1 Welcome and agree upon agenda

John Fitzgerald welcomed the members present. He thanked the CWI for hosting the meeting. The agenda was agreed upon.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions

The minutes of the Paris meeting were approved.

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

New action 56/1: John Fitzgerald and Jim Woodcock to report in two months on a subcommittee for the awards.

Action 51/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to review the membership list and make a suggestion on how to handle membership in the future. (On hold.)
To be done at a later time. Action closed.

New action 56/2: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to organise a consultation with the membership on FME directions.

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

Action 53/1: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to plan a recruitment campaign. (On hold.)
To be done at a later time. Action closed.

Action 54/1: Stefania Gnesi to seek member's views on how best to further strengthen the symposium's international reputation.
In progress. Action continues.

Action 54/2: Marcel Verhoef to advise on the recruitment of a new treasurer.
Done. Action closed.

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.
A one day arrangement with FACS similar to today's arrangement is planned for 2014. Due to new management of FMICS, planning of collaboration has been postponed. Action closed.

Action 54/6: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to make a schedule for FME board meetings during 2012.
Done. Action closed.

New action 56/3: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to plan bimonthly FME board meetings in 2013.

Action 54/7: John Fitzgerald to contact the Education Subgroup and check on the progress on making an activity plan by mid-2012.
There has been no reply from the Education Subgroup. Action closed.

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

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

New action 56/4: Lars-Henrik Eriksson to organise updating documents on the web site.

Action 55/1: John Fitzgerald to find a student to carry out the transfer of materials from the ForTIA web site to the FME web site.
Done. Action closed.

3 Annual report for 2012

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the annual report of the board for 2012 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

4 Financial report for 2012

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

5 Report by the Independent Financial Examiners

The independent financial examiners (Marie-Claude Gaudel and Matteo Rossi) had individually checked the FME accounts and found no irregularities. These reports are included in the attached financial report. The meeting discharged the Treasurer from his responsibilities during this period. John Fitzgerald thanked the Treasurer and the Independent Financial Examiners for their work.

6 Elections

a) One board member (treasurer), to serve until the 2016 AGM. In accordance with FME statutes, Marcel Verhoef (treasurer) stepped down as Board member. He had declined re-election. Erik de Vink had offered taking over the role as treasurer. There were no other candidates for the position. Therefore Erik was elected unopposed. John Fitzgerald thanked Marcel Verhoef for his services as treasurer.

b) One Independent Financial Examiner for 2013 and 2014. According to FME statutes, Marie-Claude Gaudel can not serve another term as independent financial examiner. The meeting expressed its thanks for his service. Andrew Butterfield expressed interest in taking this role. He was elected *nem con*.

7 Plan for 2013

John Fitzgerald presented the plans by the Board for 2013 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the plans. John Fitzgerald indicated that he does not intend to stand for reelection as Chairman when his current term of office expires at the 2014 AGM.

8 Budget for 2013

On behalf of Erik de Vink, Marcel Verhoef presented the budget for 2013 (attached to the minutes). Because of comments in Marie-Claude Gaudel's financial examination report, there was a discussion of suitable expense levels. The meeting approved the budget *nem con*.

9 Symposia

a) Final report on FM'12. General co-chair Kamel Barkaoui and finance co-chair Bruno Monsuez reported on FM'12. (Presentation attached to the minutes.)

b) Status report on FM'14. Cliff Jones reported on the progress of FM'14. (Presentation attached to the minutes.)

10 FME Education Subgroup

The Education Subgroup has made no plan for further activities. It was decided to discontinue the subgroup.

11 FME web site/Electronic publications

Bernhard Aichernig reported on the publication activities and plans (attached to the minutes).

12 FormaliSE

Nico Plat reported on the progress of the FME Workshop on Formal Methods in Software Engineering (FormaliSE) to be held in conjunction with ICSE 2013. There has been 25 submissions of which 35% were accepted. Each submission was reviewed by 4 referees.

13 ICSE SCORE

Matteo Rossi reported on the progress of the 2013 ICSE SCORE contest. FME will sponsor the contest for the third time.

14 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be the 2014 AGM. It will tentatively be held in London in February.

15 Other Business

There was no other business.

Summary of open actions

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