



Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 59th meeting (AGM) (revised)
Held at the University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway
23, 25 June 2015
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Present at the meeting were:

FME members:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Frank de Boer [CWI] (Only on the 25th)
- Andrew Butterfield [U. Dublin]
- Ana Cavalcanti (Chair) [U. York]
- Erik de Vink [TU Eindhoven]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- Alessandro Fantechi [U. Firenze]
- John Fitzgerald [Newcastle U.] (Only on the 23rd)
- Carlo A. Furia [ETH Zürich]
- Stefania Gnesi [CNR-ISTI]
- Einar Broch Johnsen [U. Oslo] (Only on the 25th)
- D. Randolph Johnson [Arundel System Logic] (Only on the 23rd)
- Peter Gorm Larsen [Aarhus U] (Only on the 25th)
- Franz Lichtenberger [U. Linz] (Only on the 23rd)
- Tiziana Margaria [U. Limerick] (Only on the 23rd)
- Dominique Méry [U. Lorraine]
- Matteo Rossi [Politecnico di Milano] (Only on the 25th)
- Gerhard Schneider [U. Gothenburg] (Only on the 25th)
- Maurice ter Beek [ISTI-CNR, Pisa]
- Marcel Verhoef [ESA] (Only on the 25th)
- Heike Wehrheim [U. Paderborn] (Only on the 25th)
- Jim Woodcock [U. York]

Others:

- Wolfgang Ahrendt [Chalmers U of Technology] (Only on the 25th)
- Bhartu Chimdyaboar [Tata Consultancy Services] (Only on the 25th)
- Dipak Chaudhari [IIT, Bombay] (Only on the 23rd)
- Om Damani [IIT, Bombay] (Only on the 23rd)
- Ferruccio Damiani (Only on the 25th)
- Priyanka Darke [Tata Consultancy Services] (Only on the 25th)
- Catherine Dubois [École nationale supérieure d'informatique pour l'industrie et l'entreprise] (Only on the 25th)
- Neil Evans [AWE UK] (Only on the 25th)
- Saurabh Joshi [U. Oxford] (Only on the 25th)
- Florian Lorber [TU Graz] (Only on the 25th)
- Matthew Luckcuck [U. York] (Only on the 23rd)
- Andrei Paskevich [U. Paris-Sud] (Only on the 25th)
- Allakhbar Safilian [McMaster U.] (Only on the 25th)
- Martin Tappler [TU Graz] (Only on the 25th)

Apologies had been received from: John Cooke, Dino Mandrioli, Eerke Boiten

1 Welcome and agree upon agenda

Ana Cavalcanti welcomed the members present. The agenda was agreed upon.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting and review of actions

The minutes of the Singapore meeting were approved.

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

In progress. Action continues.

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

Done. Action closed.

Action 57/1: Ana Cavalcanti to investigate coordination of FM conferences.

Done. Action closed.

Action 57/2: Erik de Vink and Jim Woodcock to report on a subcommittee for the FME awards.

Done. Action closed.

3 Annual report for 2014

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the annual report of the board for 2014 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report *nem con*.

4 Financial report for 2014

Erik de Vink presented the financial report for 2014 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the report.

5 Report by the Independent Financial Examiners

The independent financial examiners (Andrew Butterfield and Leo Freitas) had individually checked the FME accounts. These reports are attached to the minutes. Andrew Butterfield noted that finances are good enough that FME should consider expanding the range and scale of its sponsorship activities. The meeting discharged the Treasurer from his responsibilities during this period. Ana Cavalcanti thanked the Treasurer and the Independent Financial Examiners for their work.

6 Elections

a) One board member (secretary), to serve until the 2018 AGM. In accordance with FME statutes, Lars-Henrik Eriksson (secretary) stepped down as Board member. He had declined re-election. Lars-Henrik 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 2015 and 2016. According to FME statutes, Andrew Butterfield cannot serve another term as independent financial examiner. The meeting expressed its thanks for his service. Marcel Verhoef had expressed interest in taking this role. He was elected *nem con*.

7 Plan for 2015

Ana Cavalcanti presented the plans by the Board for 2015 (attached to the minutes). The meeting approved the plans.

8 Budget for 2015

Erik de Vink presented the budget for 2015. The meeting approved the budget *nem con*.

9 FME web site/Electronic publications

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

New action 59/1: Bernhard Aichernig to arrange for an update of the FME web page "Choosing a Formal Method".

At this point, the meeting was adjourned and resumed on the 25th.

10 Symposia

a) Final report on FM'14

Stefania Gnesi reported on the end economic result of FM'14 – a surplus of SGD 29k. FME's share was about EUR 9k.

b) Status report on FM'15.

Einar Broch Johnsen reported on FM'15. There have been around 210 registered participants (around 175 for the main conference and 100 per day for the workshops Monday + Tuesday.). There were 124 submissions. 32 papers have been accepted. The acceptance ratio was ≈25%.

The 9 workshops have had reasonable participation numbers. 2 were merged because the submission numbers were low and one was cancelled, the others managed fine. The tutorials less so, this seems to be the part we did not do so well. One tutorial organiser decide to cancel, whereas other 3 carried on (there is one with 15 participants, one with 10, and one with only 2 registered participants).

c) Status report on FM'16

Stefania Gnesi reported on FM'16. The dates will be 7-12 November 2016 and the venue will be hotel St Raphael in Limassol, Cyprus. The General Chair is Anna Phillippou, University of Cyprus. PC Co-chairs are John Fitzgerald and Constance Heitmeyer. Industry day chairs are Marcel Verhof and Tiziana Margaria.

11 FormaliSE

Stefania Gnesi reported on the FME Workshop on Formal Methods in Software Engineering (FormaliSE) arranged by her and Nico Plat and held in conjunction with ICSE 2015. There were 27 submissions of which 9 (33%) were accepted. This is the highest number of submissions since this workshop series started. A FormaliSE workshop will be arranged also in 2016 in conjunction with ICSE 2016 in Austin, Texas. (See also the presentation attached to the minutes.)

Carlo Furia presented the SCORE 2016 contest, also to be held in conjunction with ICSE 2016.

12 FME mailing list policy

Lars-Henrik Eriksson explained the publications policy for the events@fmeurope.org mailing list. Previously we would only allow announcements for events associated with or sponsored by FME. In autumn 2014 the board decided on a trial where we have permitted announcements from any "major established FME event". With a few specific exceptions that excludes workshops. He asked the meeting to comment on the trial policy. The consensus was that this policy could be made permanent.

13 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in London in December in conjunction with the joint BCS-FACS/ FME Landin seminar.

14 Other Business

Ana Cavalcanti reported that Zhiming Liu and Najun Zhan had made a proposal for the evaluation of the classification of the FM Symposium and ICTAC in the Chinese rankings. She thanked them and their colleagues for promoting FME in China.

Summary of open actions

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

Action 59/1: Bernhard Aichernig to arrange for an update of the FME web page "Choosing a Formal Method".