



Formal Methods Europe
Minutes of the 60th meeting
Held at the British Computer Society, London, UK
7 December 2015
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Present at the meeting were:

FME members:

- Bernhard Aichernig [TU Graz]
- Eerke Boiten [U. Kent]
- Ana Cavalcanti (Chair) [U. York]
- Tim Denvir [Translimina]
- Erik de Vink [TU Eindhoven]
- Lars-Henrik Eriksson (Secretary) [Uppsala U.]
- John Fitzgerald [Newcastle U.]
- Stefania Gnesi [CNR-ISTI]
- Robert Hierons [Brunel University]
- Jim Woodcock [U. York]

Apologies had been received from: Allesandro Fantechi, Cliff Jones, Dino Mandrioli, Jens-D. Doll, Marcel Verhoef, Randy Johnson, Stefan Gruner and Bruce Watson.

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 Oslo meeting were approved.

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

In progress. Action continues.

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

In progress. Bernhard Aichernig discussed with Jim Woodcock and John Fitzgerald about the possibility of writing a new page entry based on their survey: "Formal methods: Practice and experience". The idea is to replace the current "Choosing a Formal Method" text. Bernhard Aichernig will write an email to all authors for further discussion. Action continues.

3 Membership consultation

Lars-Henrik Eriksson presented the web system for consultation with the membership and update of the membership data base. The system will be deployed as soon as some technical difficulties have been solved.

4 FM'2016

Stefania Gnesi and John Fitzgerald reported on the progress of FM'2016. Stefania Gnesi has been appointed 3rd PC co-chair. The symposium will be held on November 7-11. The Call for Papers is about to be sent out. The full papers deadline will be at the end of May, notification in early August. There are plans for a journal special issue. Workshop and tutorial calls are in preparation. A tools exhibition is planned. Industry Day chairs are Tiziana Margaria, Marcel Verhoef and a yet to be appointed local representative. Early registration deadline will be in July.

Fees are expected to be in the same order as for the Paris Symposium in 2012. There will be three invited speakers as well as a speech by a winner of the Peter Lucas Award for Highly Influential Paper. George Papadoulous has been appointed new publicity chair.

5 Sponsorships

Ana Cavalcanti reported that the sponsorship processing by the FME board has been brought in line with the recently updated sponsorship information on the FME web site. Decisions on sponsorship are taken twice a year, on April 30 and October 31. The financial position of FME is presently uncertain as the economic result of the Oslo symposium is not known yet. This means that it is not clear how much FME can spend on sponsorships.

6 New FME logo

Eric de Vink presented the new FME logotype. (See beginning of these minutes.)

7 LNCS subseries for FM proceedings

Ana Cavalcanti reported that Springer has agreed to a Formal Methods subline of LNCS. The plan is that the new FME logotype will be on the cover of each volume. The following events have indicated that they are interested in considering having their proceedings published in this subline: ABZ, FME, FMICS, iFM, NFM, ICFEM, SEFM, SBMF, VSTTE.

8 FormaliSE 2016

Stefania Gnesi reported the FormaliSE workshop has been accepted for ICSE 2016 in Austin, Texas, being the fourth time this workshop has been arranged as an ICSE satellite event. The workshop will be held on Sunday May 15 – not an ideal date and she will try to have it changed. The Call for Papers has been distributed.

9 The Lucas award

Ana Cavalcanti reported that the FME award for a Highly Influential Paper in Formal Methods will be named the Peter Lucas award in honour of the late FME chair. It will be awarded the first time at the FM'2016 Symposium in Cyprus.

10 Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Eindhoven on April 8 in conjunction with ETAPS.

11 Other Business

There was no other business.

Summary of open actions

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