

# MINUTES – GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2003

**Held in Bremen, Germany  
on  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003**

International University Bremen, Meeting Room, Research Building 1  
14:00 – 16:05

## **1. Opening and Welcome**

Rob Milne opens the GA and welcomes the delegates: Marc Ayel (AFIA), Ulises Cortes (ACIA), Otthein Herzog (GI/KI), Werner Horn (ÖFAI), Rob Milne (BCS-SGAI), Kris Van Marke (BNVKI).

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last General Assembly**

The minutes of the GA in Lyon are approved.

## **3. Chairman's Annual Report**

Rob Milne presents the chairman's Annual Report. It is available at [http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport\\_2003.pdf](http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport_2003.pdf).

## **4. Treasurer's Annual Report**

Kris Van Marke presents the financial balance sheet for 2002 (available at [http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga\\_budget02\\_2003.pdf](http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget02_2003.pdf)). He further reports about the positive status of membership fees.

## **5. Budget for 2003 and 2004**

Kris Van Marke presents the budgets for 2003 and 2004 (available at [http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga\\_budget03\\_2003.pdf](http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget03_2003.pdf) and [http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga\\_budget04\\_2003.pdf](http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget04_2003.pdf))

## **6. Final Report on ECAI-02**

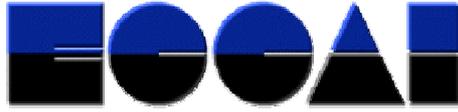
Marc Ayel presents the final report for ECAI 2002:

- 547 attendants paid for the conference
- 127 for tutorials
- 332 for workshops  
incl. 40 for STAIRS
- free registrations (around 20)

The final balance is € 20.962,43. ECCAI gets € 10.481.

## **7. ECCAI Travel Grant Program**

There were only 1 application for an ACAI travel grant plus 1 late application (€400 each). One of these 2 applications is a no-show. Due to this low number of applications the call for grant applications was extended to cover IJCAI travel support (which is unusual, since the ECCAI grants basically cover travel support for European conferences).



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Ulises Cortes reports there have been 18 applications. 5 grants have been given for IJCAI participation (€ 600 each).

## 8. ECAI-2004 in Spain Progress Report

Maqrc Ayel reports about the progress of ECAI 2004: the time structure is fixed. The Call for Papers is now available. The chairs and the advisory committee have been fixed.

## 9. The ECCAI Dissertation Award

The winner of the dissertation award, Jörg Hoffmann, will get the award at the KI conference in Hamburg in September 2003. He will present the award lecture at this German AI conference. Normally the award ceremony takes place at the ACAI in odd years, but due to the low attendance KI was chosen this year. There were 9 applications which resulted in some hard refereeing work.

## 10. The ECCAI Fellows Programme

The ECCAI fellows selection committee has selected 9 new fellows, including one of the pioneers, Bernard Meltzer. His election gave very spontaneous positive responses. The fellows will get their certificate at the Fellows Breakfast at IJCAI in Acapulco.

Rob Milne and Werner Horn will take care about enhanced rules for the fellow nomination and selection.

## 11. AICom: Electronic Access Scheme

Rob Milne reports about the low access to the online journal pages. As such ECCAI pays too much for the online page access. The current contract will be formally terminated and negotiations about a new scheme will be started.

## 12. Status of ETAI: The Electronic Transactions on AI

There are no news about ETAI.

## 13. ECCAI Membership Fees for 2004

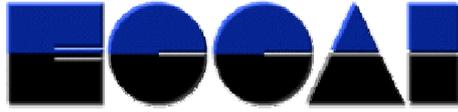
Membership fees for 2004 remain unchanged.

## 14. Membership Status of Societies

Rob Milne reports about membership societies: Latvia seems inactive at the moment. There is no response from Norway and Israel. These 2 societies are set “dormant”, since we received no membership fee for years. This implies that members of these 2 societies will receive no membership benefits.

Ulises Cortes reports about Turkey: There is a yearly Turkish AI conference for 13 years, but Turkey has no society, but organizes itself as a chapter of IEEE. They strongly participate in the FP5 program of the EU. We will start a discussion how to involve Turkey as a membership society by establishing a contact point for dissemination of information and offering them a start as a member with 2 years of free memberships.

The status of Romania is unclear. Poland has no society.



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## 15. Selection of PC Chair for ECAI-06

Marc Ayel presents the 2 candidates for PC chair: Gerhard Brewka (48 years, Knowledge Representation / Non-Monotonic Logic, nominated by GI/KI) and Yves Demazeau (44 years, Multi-agent Systems, nominated by AFIA). Support letters for Brewka are available from F.Baader, G.Gottlob, and B.Nebel. Support letters for Demazeau are available from AEPIA (F.Barber), DAIS (B.Mayoh), RAAI (V.Stefanuk), H.Prade, C.Sierra, and J.S.Rosenschein.

Due to the low attendance of delegates at this GA the decision is postponed to the GA meeting at Valencia in 2004.

In order to guarantee a timely selection of the General Chair and to ensure the General Chair establishes the close link between the conference and the board the decision about the General Chair of ECAI-2006 will be done by the ECCAI board after the decision about the Program Chair.

## 16. ECAI-08 initial Proposals

Marc Ayel reports about 2 current candidates for ECAI 2008:

- Greece (EETN): Thessaloniki
- Ireland (AIAI): organized by E.Freuder, 4C

The program chair for ECAI 2008 will be selected at the GA 2006.

## 17. Date for the Next General Assembly for 2004

The next General Assembly will take place at ECAI-04 in Valencia.

## 18. Any Other Business

ACAI-05 should be separate from IJCAI, but may take place at the same location (Edinburgh). Ulises Cortes will take care of the call for proposals.

## 19. Closing

At 16:05.

Werner Horn, 4-Aug-2003