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ECCAI General Assembly

Held during ECAI-06 in Riva del Garda, Italy
on
Wednesday, 30 August 2006
Sala Belvedere, 17:30 - 19:45

1.   Welcome and Opening

Werner Horn opens the meeting and welcomes the participants.

2.   Approval of Minutes of Last General Assembly

The minutes of the last GA, held in Edinburgh, are approved. The minutes are available at
http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_minutes_2005.pdf

3.   Chairman's Report

Werner Horn presents the chairman's Annual Report, which is available at
http://www.eccai.org/admin/chairreport_2006.pdf

4.   Treasurer's Report

Hendrik Blockeel presents the Annual Report, available at:
http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget_2006.pdf

5.   Budget for 2006 and 2007

The budget for 2006 and 2007 together with the financial status is presented by Hendrik Blockeel and is available at:http://www.eccai.org/admin/ga_budget_2006.pdf

6.   Final Report ACAI 2005

ACAI-05 in Ljubljana was on "Advance Knowledge Technologies"; there have been 82 participants and it has been a big success. Many thanks to Nada Lavrac, Mitja Jermol and their team!

7.   Report on ECAI 2006

ECAI-06 in Riva del Garda is a large success: there have been more than 800 attendees. Anna Perini, as co-organizer with Paolo Traverso, presents a progress report. Gerhard Brewka as program chair presents the reviewing organization. A final report will follow. From a scientific and a financial aspect the conference was a big success. Many thanks to the organizers!

8.   ECCAI Travel Grant Program

32 submissions were received and 25 travel grants of 400 Euros were given to students for attending the ECAI-06 conference. Moreover two awards were given to support the

participation of East-countries researchers to the ECAI-06 conference. Thanks to Uli Furbach for organising this.

9. ECCAI Dissertation Award

Ulises Cortés presents the result of the 2005 Dissertation Award. There were five candidates and the winner is Aleks Jakulin, for his thesis "Machine Learing Based on Attribute Interactions" (supervisor Ivan Bratko) from the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia. The proposal of having a dissertation award only on the even (ECAI) years is not retained.

10. The ECCAI Fellows Program

This year we have 11 new fellows (for a list of them, please visit the link in www.eccai.org). Nine of them attended the fellows' lunch. There are currently 95 fellows. It is proposed and accepted to push forward to mid-February the deadline for the fellow nomination by the national societies.

11. Status of AICom

Maarten Froehlich from IOS reports about the status AI Communications, especially about the usage of the electronic access through the website of Metapress.
Toby Walsh, as current editor, reports on AI Communications and introduces the new editor, Enrico Giunchiglia, starting 1 January 2007.
The Rob Milne memorial book has been published by IOS press. It has been edited thanks to Alan Bundy and Sean Wilson.

12. ECCAI Membership Fees for 2007

There are no changes.

13. Membership Status of Societies

There is a discussion on possible membership of Iceland. Turkey has been contacted but without success. A membership initiative is necessary for some societies to encourage students to become society member in order to avoid decreasing membership numbers.

14. ACAI 2007 Summer School Proposal

Hendrik Blockeel presents the proposal of Leuven to organize the next ACAI summer school on "*Logic for AI*". It would be held in August, 20-28 and hosted by the Laboratory for declarative languages and artificial intelligence (DTAI / Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).
This proposal is accepted. Costas Spyropoulos suggests organizing workshops in parallel to the courses as it was made successfully in Crete (Chania) in 1999.
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15. ECAI 2008 (Patras) Progress Report

Nikos Fakotakis and Nikolaos Avouris present the progress report for the next ECAI in Patras. Preparation for ECAI-2008 is on a good way. It will be held in July, 21th-25th. It is organised by the University of Patras. Costas Spyropoulos is chosen to be the ECAI-08 conference chair.

16.   Selection of ECAI 2008 Program Chair

There is one candidate for this position who is Malik Ghallab (LAAS, France). Malik Ghallab is unanimously chosen as ECAI-08 Program Chair.

17.   ECAI 2010 Site Proposal

Pedro Henriquez presents a joint bid by the Associação Portuguesa para a Inteligência Artificial (APPIA) and Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (FCUL) to host in Lisbon the Nineteenth European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI 2010). It will be held in August in Lisbon and the organization will be shared by the two proposing institutions (APPIA and FCUL). The General Chair will be Helder Coelho (UL, ECCAI fellow)) and the proposed dates are August 16 to August 20. The current contract (memorandum of agreement) is accepted by the bid presenters.
The proposal is accepted by the assembly.

18. Election of ECCAI Board Members

Sylvia Codareschi and Uli Furbach leave the board after six years. Many thanks to them for their excellent work. The current board members Werner Horn, Hendrik Blockeel, Ulises Cortés and Marie-Odile Cordier are reelected unanimously. The new proposed members are Gerhard Brewka and Paolo Traverso who are elected unanimously. Welcome to them.

The new ECCAI board consists of Werner Horn, Hendrik Blockeel, Ulises Cortés, Marie-Odile Cordier, Gerhard Brewka and Paolo Traverso

19.   Date for the Next General Assembly for 2007

It will be held during the ACAI-07 in Leuven (end of August).

20.   Any Other Business

None

21.   Closing

The meeting is closed at 19:45.

Voting attendees:	
Baader, Franz	GI/KI (Germany)
Bratko, Ivan	SLAIS (Slovenia)
Corchado, Juan M.	AEPIA (Spain)
Cordier, Marie-Odile	AFIA (France), ECCAI board
El Deen El Akehal, Emad	LIKS-AIS (Lithuania)
Henriquez, Pedro	APPIA (Portugal)
Gams, Matjaz	SLAIS (Slovenia)
Golumbic, Martin Charles	IAAI (Israel)
Hatzilygeroudis, Ioannis	EETN (Greece)
Lhotska, Lenka	CSKI (Czech Republic)
López de Mántaras, Ramon	ACIA (Catalonia)
Miksch, Silvia	ÖGAI (Austria)
Osipov, Gennady	RAAI (Russia)
Schaerf, Marco	AIIA (Italy)
Spyropoulos, Costas	EETN (Greece)
Traverso, Paolo	AIIA (Italy)
Witteveen, Cees	BNVKI (Belgium/Netherlands)
Wotawa, Franz	ÖGAI (Austria)
Zsolt Varga, Laszlo	NJSZT (Hungary)
Non-voting attendees:	
Horn, Werner	ECCAI board
Blockeel, Hendrik	ECCAI board
Coradeschi, Silvia	ECCAI board
Cortés, Ulises	ECCAI board
Furbach, Uli	ECCAI board
Perini, Anna	ECAI-2006
Brewka, Gerhard	ECAI-2006
Froehlich, Maarten	IOS
Walsh, Toby	AI Com
Giunchiglia, Enrico	AI Com
Ghallab, Malik	ECAI-2008
Fakotakis, Nikos	ECAI-2008
Avouris, Nikolaos	ECAI-2008