EurAI General Assembly Meeting 2017
Melbourne, Australia
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
August 22, 2017

Minutes taken under each agenda item:

1. **Welcome and Opening**
   Attending board members: Gerhard Lakemeyer (President) and Barry O'Sullivan (Deputy President)
   Minutes: Barry O'Sullivan

2. **Approval of Minutes of 2016 General Assembly**
   Approved.

3. **Chairmans Report**
   Gerhard Lakemeyer reported that the ECAI 2016 final budget had been finalised, essentially at break-even. He reported on his attendance at two EU meetings in Brussels. Firstly on January 26 which was a "Consultation Meeting on AI" chaired by Cecille Huet. The second on June 27 was entitled "Science is Global" with Clare Moody, MEP, and Royal Society, UK.
   Approved.

4. **Treasurers Report**
   Gerhard Lakemeyer presented the EurAI Treasurer's Report that was prepared by the Steven Schockaert.
   Approved.

5. **EurAI Fellows 2017**
   Gerhard Lakemeyer reported on the 2017 EurAI Fellows Program. The Chair of the 2017 Fellows Selection Committee was Hector Geffner. The following five were selected as Fellows from a list of ten nominations:

   - Vicent Botti (Spain)
   - Gal Kaminka (Israel)
   - Alessio Lomuscio (UK)
   - Paola Mello (Italy)
   - Ioannis Vlahavas (Greece)

   Approved.

6. **EurAI Dissertation Award**
   Barry O'Sullivan, Chair of the 2016 Dissertation Award Selection Committee, reported

on the selection process and the awards. There were 9 submissions. Winner: Gabriele Valentini for "The Best-of-n Problem in Robot Swarms". Honourable mention to Riccardo Zese: "Probabilistic reasoning and Learning for the Semantic Web".
Approved.

7. **EurAI Sponsored Conferences**
There are two open calls per year for sponsoring EurAI invited speakers at conferences. In addition, the following conferences were sponsored in 2017: RuleML/RR, LPNMR, AIME, TARK, DL, ITP, TABLEAUX, EASS, CADE, ECML/PKDD, CP/ILP/SAT, ISWC, IJCAI, ICCBR, GanDALF.
Approved.

8. **ACAI 2017 and 2018**
The 2017 ACAI Summer School will focus on Reinforcement Learning and will be held from October 714, 2017 in Nieuwpoort, Belgium. As usual, EurAI sponsors student travel and invited speakers. Details can be found at `https://ai.vub.ac.be/ssrl2017`

The EurAI board also accepted a bid for an ACAI school in 2018. This will focus on Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence and will by held on 27-31 August 2018 at the University of Ferrara, Italy. The organizers are Kristian Kersting, Marco Lippi, Sriraam Natarajan and Fabrizio Riguzzi.
Approved.

9. **IJCAI/ECAI 2018 Status Update**
An update on the IJCAI-ECAI 2018 conference was presented by Jeff Rosenchild. The presentation was very well received.

There was a general note of concern that IJCAI-ECAI would overlap with FLOC 2018 in Oxford.

10. **Engagement in European Programmes**
Barry O'Sullivan briefed the meeting of ongoing activities in Brussels that he was leading on behalf of EurAI. Working closely with the European Commission, an event to bring together the EurAI member associations with representatives of the Commission, industry, and governments, is being arranged. It is expected that this event will run in the early new year. The purposes is to ensure that European Commission officials are aware of EurAI, its scale, and significance.
Approved.

11. **Future ECAI Conferences**
ECAI 2022 will again be joint with IJCAI with a Call for Bids issued at the end of the year. Decisions will be taken at IJCAI/ECAI 2018

A discussion also took place about whether ECAI should become an annual conference. There was unanimous agreement that this would not be worthwhile. **Approved.**

12. Next General Assembly
To be announced in advance of IJCAI-ECAI 2018 in Stockholm.

13. Any other business
None.

14. Closing