

Minutes of the CERME9 General Meeting

Saturday 7.02.2015 14 :15 – 16.00 - Hotel Ambassador
Minute Taker: Cristina Sabena

The session starts at 14:15.

Chairs of the Session: **Viviane Durand-Guerrier (President)** and **Susanne Prediger (Vice-President)**.

1. Approval of the agenda and requests for any other business

Susanne presents the proposal of the Agenda and asks if there is something to add to the agenda.
No contribution.

2. Approval of the minutes of General Meeting at CERME 8 in Antalya

No objections.

3. Election of the members of the ERME Board (formally “executive committee”)

Susanne presents the list of Board Members and shows the general structure of the Board, with information on the regional and non-regional Representatives, as well as the young researcher Representatives.

Then she presents the ballot paper and the rules for voting.

The candidates show up on the stage and are invited to shortly present themselves. The following candidates are present:

Young Researcher representatives:

Mustafa Alpaslan (Turkey), Jason Cooper (Israel)

Representative for Eastern Europe:

Edyta Nowinska (Poland), Jarmila Robová (Czech Republic)

Non-regional representatives:

Konstantinos Tasis (Greece), Jasmina Milinkovic (Serbia), Edyta Nowinska (Poland),
Jarmila Robová (Czech Republic)

Each participant can give one vote for each category.

The voting procedure is carried out.

4. President’s report (done by Viviane Durand-Guerrier)

The Presidents thanks the main actors for the activities with CERMEs and with YERME.

Preparation of CERME10:

- the issue of the balance between inclusion and quality
- decision of having a pre-registration fee at the moment of submitting the paper for increasing the reliability of registration

5. Financial issues

a) *Treasurer’s report and Auditors’ report*

The treasurer (Markku Hannula) presents the report about finance (see slides).

Recall that we do not have at the moment a Board member from UK, where the bank account is held at the moment.

The balance is expected to proceed in the same way, and so ERME will be able to support YERME and YESS in a more extensive way.

No increase of membership fee is done.

Christer Bergsten presents the auditors' report.

Questions from the audience: none.

c) Nomination of Auditors for 2015-17

Rita Borrromeo-Ferri and Tim Rowland are nominated auditors for 2015-17.

No contrary votes from the floor.

d) Report about financial support for non-affluent countries

Susanne Prediger presents the Graham Littler Funding for financial support in which 22000€ was spent for 48 persons.

Since ERME financial resources are good, there will be extra-support for the next YESS summer school.

No questions from the floor.

6. Report of the YERME Coordinator

Susanne Schnell presents the report on YERME activities.

7. ERME Topic Conferences

Joao Pedro Da Ponte recalls about the ERME Topic Conferences (aim, goal, proceedings, rules).

Information about the new deadline: March 31st, 2015.

Vote: 110 in favour and 0 against.

8. Location of CERME 10

Next location for CERME is Dublin. Dates: 1st-5th February, 2017.

Local Chair: Therese Dooley.

Local Co-Chair: Maurice O'Reilly.

IPC chair: Ghislaine Gueudet

9. Regional balance in ERME Board

Number of participants of CERMEs are shown.

The decision of the Board from 2017 on is to have a re-structuring of the regions to consider for election (so that in 2017 we will elect a south west and a south east representative).

- Middle Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland)
- Western Europe (UK, Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands Luxembourg)
- Northern Europe (Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Iceland)
- South Western Europe (Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Malta)
- South Eastern Europe (Turkey, Israel, Greece, Cyprus, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia)
- Eastern Europe (Poland, Czech Rep., Russia, Ukraine, Slovakia, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Belarus)

10. Results of ERME Board elections

Representative of Young Researchers

- Mustafa Alpaslan 119 (elected)
- Jason Conner 78

Eastern Europe representative

- Edyta Nowinska 128 (elected)
- Jarmila Robova 56

Non regional representative

- Konstantin Tatsis 82 (elected)
- Jasmina Milinkovic 65
- Edyta Nowinska 22
- Jarmila Robova 25

New Board members:

Mustafa Alpaslan (Turkey): 2015-2019

Edyta Nowinska (Poland): 2015-2021

Konstantinos Tatsis (Greece): 2015-2021

11. Any other business

Thanks to the retiring Board members: Nada Vondrova, Miguel Ribeiro, Uffe Thomas Jankvist.

Questions raised from ERME members:

Raise the problem of the quality of the proceedings

- An increasing number of ESM papers make reference to CERME proceedings: it means that our community produces relevant scientific work, and this is recognized outside it. Also, CERME proceedings are used by many new researchers and PhD. So papers in the proceedings must be consistent from the scientific point of view; but there is also the problem of inclusion. We should find an alternative format to the long 10 pages text in order to allow people who passed the first step of review to leave their idea in the proceedings in a form that is less important than the full paper. For instance: 2 pages could give the possibility to give relevance to the strong points of a paper, without the formal academic structure of a complete paper.
- *Konrad Krainer* answers that this issue has been discussed long. All TWG leaders will look at the papers, after the conference, and they will decide to submit the paper for proceedings. The idea that some authors can be asked to reduced their papers to 2 pages is considered and will be applied in some case. In this way all papers submitted and presented at the conference will be accepted for the proceedings.

The problem of restricting the number of participants:

- three members explain why they are against the limitation of the numbers, so to allow everyone to participate. It is necessary to increase the number of working groups, with new leadership.
- Other members remind that the idea for future CERMEs is to take into account what happens during the 12 hours of work during the conference and ask participants to consider this.
- Others emphasizes that we should promote an efficient cooperation among researchers. The leaders of TWG could propose the merging of two papers facing the same subject from difference points of view: it could be a means to support and foster collaboration. This kind of papers could overcome the 10 pages.
- The increase of numer of participants should nevertheless take into consideration the physical environment. TWG 19 and few others were in other building and suffered for not having informal oportunities for meeting colleagues and raise collaboration.

- *Therese Dooley*: we need to realize the difficulties to find a venue for increasing the number of participants (though endorsing the idea of inclusion and participation).
- *Susanne Prediger* asks about candidature for future CERMEs, considering these numbers.