

Minutes

Tableaux Business Meeting

5pm, Friday 12 September, 2003; Rome (La Sapienza)

Present: R. Hähnle (SC, Chair), F. Brown, M. Cialdea (SC), C. Fermüller (SC), U. Furbach (SC), D. Galmiche (SC), M. Giese, R. Goré, J. Goubault-Larrecq, M. Kohlhase, R. Letz, G. Metcalfe, N. Murray, N. Olivetti, P. Schmitt (SC), N. Sörensson, R. Dyckhoff (Secretary).

1. **Agenda.** The draft *agenda* was agreed.
2. **Minutes and matters arising.** The minutes of the Tableaux Business Meeting in 2002 were *approved*; they are available at <http://i12www.ira.uka.de/TABLEAUX> . No matters arising were discussed, other than where appropriate under other headings.
3. **Steering Committee report.** RH reported on the deliberations of the Steering Committee over the last year.
 - (a) The main item had been the development of plans for IJCAR 2004, including CADE, Calculemus, FroCoS, FTP and Tableaux; it will be held July 4–8 2004 at Cork (Ireland) with Toby Walsh as Conference Chair and David Basin and Michael Rusinowitch as Programme Chairs. Details are at <http://4c.ucc.ie/ijcar/>, and had been distributed to all Tableaux 2003 participants; the submission date has been revised to January 5 2004, with acceptance notification on March 22 and camera-ready copy due on April 14th.

- (b) There is also a plan to hold Tableaux 2005 at a hotel in the Rhine valley near Koblenz, with Bernhard Beckert as local organiser and programme chair. FTP has reacted positively to the idea of some form of co-location there-with; a formal decision can be expected after the FTP Steering Committee elections in October.
- (c) Third, the SC will consider entry to FLOC 2006 (to be held in the USA), probably as part of IJCAR; the meeting received this idea positively and left the details to the SC.
- (d) David Basin joins the Tableaux SC *ex officio* as the relevant programme chair of IJCAR 2004, until 2005, replacing Chris Fermüller and Uwe Egly, whose work as *ex officio* SC members was gratefully acknowledged by the meeting.
- (e) Uli Furbach, Marcello D'Agostino and Mel Fitting demit office as SC members; their work as elected SC members was gratefully acknowledged by the meeting.
- (f) Reiner Hähnle's Presidency and Peter Schmitt's Vice-Presidency of the SC end with the present meeting; they were thanked by all present for their efforts. (The new SC will appoint a new President and Vice-President).

4. **Tableaux 2003 report.** Marta Cialdea reported on Tableaux 2003 as follows:

Papers 26 Research papers were submitted (14 accepted as such); 7 System descriptions were submitted (and 6 papers accepted as such); 3 papers were submitted as position papers (and 8 accepted, including some submitted in another category).

Participants Tableaux had 48 primary, and 5 secondary, participants; of the 48, 12 were students. Another 6 persons participated as invited speakers or tutorial-presenters.

Sponsorships The main sponsorship of Tableaux and Cal-culemus amounted to about 6K euros, including funds from Roma Tre, the AKROS group and CoLogNET.

Organisation Three conferences, with tutorials and workshops, led to much overhead; professional organisers were needed, and had been invaluable.

Marta was warmly thanked for her prodigious efforts as organiser, with further thanks to Marta and Fiora Pirri for their work as programme co-chairs.

5. **Continuity of the SC.** The SC's proposal to extend for one year the term of office as elected members of the SC of half the SC, i.e. Didier Galmiche, Reiner Hähnle and Peter Schmitt, was *ratified*; this allows us to move from the position where the entire SC is replaced every 3 years all at once to a position allowing continuity.
6. **Election of three new SC members.** Four persons had been nominated for election to the remaining three elected positions on the SC; it was agreed to have a vote, notwithstanding the SC rules allowing votes to be cast by fax, mail and e-mail by the community, a body much wider than those present in Rome after the conference.

After a tied vote and a revote, the following were declared elected: Neil Murray, Jean Goubault-Larrecq and Peter Baumgartner. It was however noted with pleasure that Bernhard

Beckert, the 4th candidate, would join the SC as an *ex officio* member from July 2004; cordial greetings were offered to Bernhard on the occasion of his recent marriage—his reason for absence from the present meeting.

7. **Guidelines for reviewing process and PC meeting.** Agreed that the SC would consider certain suggestions: the need to keep position papers (in order to keep up attendances), that systems (as in “system descriptions”) should be downloadable, and that the option to downgrade a research paper to a PP should be offered to authors. Such suggestions will be passed on to the relevant Programme Chairs in future.
8. **Experience with electronic PC meetings.** Agreed that the SC would consider certain suggestions: the principle that every PC member should be free to enter discussion on any paper at any time [presumably there are in fact restrictions on over-early entry...], that no paper should be automatically accepted without a vote, that the chair rather than the software should be in control, that a renegade like RG is always useful for generating discussion, that the chair occasionally should remind PC members of their need to do something. MC reported that there had been no problems this year with PC members not doing their reviews, but some problems with PC members not entering into discussions.
9. **Number of submissions** In order to widen the conference’s scope and attract more submissions, RH drew attention to the need to rejuvenate the PC, especially with people from SAT, model-checking and description logics; PS emphasised the need to choose new members very carefully. MK suggested that an expansion of system descriptions to 8 or 10 pages

maximum would make the conference more attractive, at least to those submitting such papers. The SC agreed to take note of such points.

10. **Other business** RG reported that TP-Hols would co-locate again, but we would not be their preferred partner, despite a few energetic Tableaux participants attending TP-HOLs. MK reported that Calculemus was also happy about co-location, especially with TP-HOLs. Conversely, it was agreed that, as in St Andrews, co-location suited us in principle, but that TP-HOLs was not top on our own list of next partners.
11. RD was thanked for taking the minutes. The meeting closed at 6 pm.