Report of EACE Annual General Meeting (EACE-AGM)

Place: Polish-Japanese Academy of Information Technology – Warsaw, Poland

Date: July 2nd, 2015

Time: 1.00-1.20 pm

Present: Anaïs Allinc, Michael Baker, Nikolaos Batalas, Emma Beauxis-Aussalet, Lucas Bietti, Assaf Botzer (Observer), Patrick Chotel, Françoise Detienne (Legal affairs), Anke Ditmar, Pierre Falzon, Mathieu Forens, Konstantinos Gkikas, Tjerk de Greef (Treasurer), Julien Guibourdenche, Gerrt de Haan, Anna Hüttig, Elly Lammers (Membership Officer), Marja Liiasuo (Assesseur), Tilo Menthler, Thierry Morineau, Dianne Murray (Chair), Slawomir Ostrowski, Marcin Sikorski, Christian Stary, Sylvie Theillier, Gerrit van der Veer (Observer), Krysztof Walczak.

Apologies: Flore Barcellini (Secretary), Marco Winckler (Observer), Teresa Consiglio (Webmistress).

The meeting opens at 1.00 pm. Dianne Murray welcomes the participants.

Minutes of previous AGM

Since the minutes of the previous AGM (held in Vienna, Austria, in September 201) are not available at this meeting, they will be carried forward for approval at the next AGM of the Association, to be held in September 2106, in Nottingham, UK.

Overview of EACE activities:

- Publications: recent proceedings of the conferences can be found in the ACM Digital Library. Older versions can be found on the EACE webpage: eace.net

- Members receive emails via the EACE mailing lists

- Elections for EACE ACM SIGCHI community officers has taken place. The results are:

 President, Dianne Murray; Secretary, Flore Barcelleni; Treasurer, Tjerk de Greef

 Other officers for the remaining open positions can now be appointed by those elected.

Gerrit van der Veer showed the EACE website, developed and maintained by Teresa Consiglio, where information about EACE conferences, proceedings, membership, and the Board of EACE can be found.

He explained the role of the EACE SIGCHI community (http://www.sigchi.org/communities/eace). An important reason to join this community is that emails to EACE can be send via the EACE SIGCHI community and that there is a noticeboard for communications. The current situation of

sending emails via the server of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will stop because of the retirement of Elly Lammers who is currently using this server. ACM support the EACE community without asking financial support from the EACE organization or the individual EACE member.

Election of Officers

Dianne Murray proposes to those present to accept the elected community officers: Dianne, Tjerk, and Flore. This is seconded by Gerrit van der Veer and accepted with no objections.

Dianne Murray proposes that, as Tjerk's period as Treasurer has formally come to an end but we have no available successor for this year, and as he is willing to do so, he continues in post for another year. This is seconded by Gerrit van der Veer and accepted with no objections.

Treasurer's report

Tjerk de Greef shows the balance sheets for 2015 (see next document in attached file)

In order to remain in balance and to make support for young researchers possible Tjerk de Greef proposes to increase the EACE membership fee with immediate effect as follows:

Full members, increase by 5 euro per year; PhD candidates and younger researchers, increase by 3 euro per year.

This is seconded by Gerrit van der Veer and accepted with no objections.

It was also stated that there is the possibility of paying for 4 years in advance, which gives membership for 5 years.

Any Other Business

Dianne asked if the participants has questions or another suggestions. No suggestions were made.

She asked people's opinion on membership benefits. Assaf Botzer responded that it is an opportunity to have a good platform for research and to meet people from the same or related areas.

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.20 pm