

# Minutes of the RTA 2008 Business Meeting

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RTA 2008 SC Chair        Maribel Fernández  
RTA 2008 PC Chair        Adrei Voronkov  
RTA 2008 General Chair   Bruno Buchberger  
RTA 2008 OC Chair        Temur Kutsia  
Total number of participants (along the meeting): 46  
Started (aprox.) at 6 p.m. and ended (aprox.) at 8 p.m.

## 1 Agenda

- Information on
  - RTA funds surplus and EATCS sponsoring
  - Early proposals for RTA 2011 with TLCA in RDP 2011
- RTA 2010: Location, Conference chair, Program Committee chair
- Election of a new member of the Steering Committee
- Report by the PC Chair of RTA 2008
- Report by the Conference Chair of RTA 2008
- Report by the PC Chair of RTA 2009
  - Proposal for a change in the publication policy of RTA's proceedings
- Proposal to modify bylaw 13.
- Any other business

## 2 Report by the Steering Committee Chair

Maribel Fernández reports on the following points:

- Bank account:

In FLOC years, RTA's budget is managed jointly with the other FLOC conferences.

In 2006, 3160 US dollars (surplus) were kept for RTA in the bank account of Rice University because RTA did not have a bank account.

Since 2008, EATCS is sponsoring RTA and we have a bank account, managed by EATCS (for free).

- Early proposals for RTA 2011:

2011 is an RDP year (RTA+TLCA).

Proposals for location, conference chair, etc. will be discussed/voted in next year's business meeting, but there is already a proposal by Jean-Pierre Jouannaud to organize RDP in China (Tsinghua University).

### 3 RTA 2010 Location and Chairs

FLOC 2010 takes place in Edinburgh.

Proposals:

- To hold RTA 2010 in Edinburgh as part of FLOC
- RTA 2010 Conference Chair: Fairouz Kamareddine (UK)
- RTA 2010 Program Committee Chair: Christopher Lynch (US)
- RTA representative in the FLOC SC: Jürgen Giesl (Germany)

The first two proposals are voted together. All three votes are public. Results of the vote of the different proposals:

- Location + Conference Chair
 

YES:	42
NO:	0
Abstention:	1
- Program Committee Chair
 

YES:	40
NO:	0
Abstention:	2
- FLoC Representative
 

YES:	42
NO:	0
Abstention:	1

## **4 Election of a new member of the Steering Committee**

There is one vacancy in the Steering Committee (SC) since Ashish Tiwari's term finishes.

There are three nominated candidates (in alphabetical order):

- Pierre-Etienne Moreau
- Sophie Tison
- Johannes Waldmann

The vote on the new SC-member is conducted by secret ballot. Every participant has a single vote. The results are as follows.

Johannes Waldmann:	19
Sophie Tison:	15
Pierre-Etienne Moreau:	9
Abstention:	1

Consequently, Johannes Waldmann is the new elected RTA-SC member.

## **5 RTA 2008 PC Chair report**

Presentation by Andrei Voronkov. See attached document.

## **6 RTA 2008 General Chair report**

Presentation by Bruno Buchberger. See attached document.

## **7 Report on RTA 2009**

Ralf Treinen, RTA 2009 PC Chair, reported on both, the organization (see attached document) and the scientific issues (see attached document).

## **8 Proposal for a change in the publication policy of RTA's proceedings**

Ralf Treinen made a presentation arguing about changing the RTA publication policy (see attached document). Andrei presented the new EasyChair proceedings preparation facilities.

There was some discussion on the relevance of having a LNCS Springer publication in the research evaluation and/or people promotion and the impact it may have on the number of submissions if this is no longer the case. People was in general sensitive to Ralf Treinen's arguments, but some participants

showed their doubts whether this next year was the right moment to change or not. Bruno Buchberger made a remark on the importance of ensuring the archival of the proceedings.

After the discussion there was an agreement not to change the publication policy for RTA 2009, but to reconsider it in future meetings. In this light, there was an informal voting on the following question:

“Would you agree in changing in the future the RTA publication policy?”

The result of the voting was:

YES:	20
NO:	1
Abstention:	7

## 9 Proposal to modify bylaw 13

Bylaw 13 is presently:

“Any modification of the bylaws should be proposed to the SC chair four weeks before the conference and be ratified at the GA.”

Proposal to replace it by:

“Any modification of the bylaws should be proposed to the SC chair four weeks before the conference and be ratified by a majority at the GA. By default, votes are public. ”

The result of the public vote is as follows:

YES:	26
NO:	0
Abstention:	3

## 10 Additional documentation

- RTA 2008 PC Chair report. Presentation by Andrei Voronkov.
- RTA 2008 General Chair report. Presentation by Bruno Buchberger.
- RTA 2009 organization report.
- RTA 2009 PC Chair report.
- Presentation by Ralf Treienen on the RTA publication policy.