Minutes of the RTA/RDP 2009 Business Meeting

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RTA 2009 SC Chair   Maribel Fernández
RTA 2009 PC Chair   Ralf Treinen
RDP 2009 Conference Chair   Mauricio Ayala Rincón
Total number of participants (along the meeting): 50
Started (aprox.) at 6 p.m. and ended (aprox.) at 8:30 p.m.
The meeting is conducted by Maribel Fernández.

1   Agenda

- Proposals for location and organization of RDP 2011, which includes RTA and TLCA (this part of the meeting is joint with TLCA)

- Report by the PC Chair of RTA 2009

- Report by the Conference Chair of RTA 2009

- Report by the PC Chair of RTA 2010

- PC Chair of RTA 2011

- Election of two new members of the Steering Committee

- Information on the ACM SIGLOG proposal and invitation to join SIGLOG Advisory Council.

- Information on the proposal to have an annual FLoC .

- Proposal for a change in the publication policy of RTA's proceedings

2   Location and organization of RDP 2011

Since Marseilles withdrew its proposal there were finally three proposals for the organization of RDP 2011.

The three proposal were presented in the following order:

1. Beijin (China). Presentation is given by Jean-Pierre Jouannaud. See attached document.

2. Nagoya (Japan). Presentation is given by Aart Middeldorp. See attached document.

3. Novi Sad (Serbia). Presentation is given by Pierre-Louis Curien. See attached document. In his presentation Pierre-Louis said, as representative of the TLCA Steering Committee, that TLCA was against going out of Europe in 2011, due to economic reasons and the fact that TLCA would be two consecutive times out of Europe (since TLCA is held every two years).

The vote on the proposals is conducted by secret ballot. Every participant has a single vote. The results are as follows.

Novi Sad:	19
Nagoya:	14
Beijin:	13
Blank:	3
Null:	1

Consequently, Novi Sad is elected as the location for 2011.

3 Reports on RTA 2009 and RTA 2010

- RTA 2009 PC Chair report.

  The presentation is given by Ralf Treinen. See attached document.

- RTA 2009 Conference Chair report.

  The presentation is given by Mauricio Ayala-Rincón.See attached document.

- Report on RTA 2010.

  Chris Lynch, RTA 2010 PC Chair, reported on both, the organization and the scientific issues of the PC. See attached document.

4 RTA 2011 PC Chair election

The Steering Committee proposes Manfred Schmidt-Schauss as PC Chair for RTA 2011.

The vote is public. The results of the vote are:

YES:	44
NO:	0
Abstention:	1

5 Election of two new members of the Steering Committee

There are two vacancies in the Steering Committee (SC) since Maribel Fernandez and Bernhard Gramlich's terms finish.

There are two nominated candidates (in alphabetical order):

- Ian Mackie

- Joachim Niehren

The candidates' statements are distributed to the participants. See attached document.) document.

The vote on the new SC-members is conducted by secret ballot. Every participant has two votes. The results are as follows.

Ian Mackie:	31
Joachim Niehren:	30
Blank:	5

Consequently, both are new elected RTA-SC member.

6 Information on a proposal to have an annual FLoC

Maribel Fernandez informs the assembly about a proposal to have an annual FLoC. The Steering Committee has been asked whether RTA would like to join this proposal.

The contributions are rather negative. The arguments are, among others, regarding the conference fee, the visibility of the member conferences and the fact that, for organizational reasons, FLoC would alternate between two fix places (Paris and University of Pennsylvania for the first four years).

7 Information on the ACM SIGLOG proposal and invitation to join SIGLOG Advisory Council

Jürgen Giesl gives a presentation on this point (see attached document). The RTA SC has agreed to join the Advisory Council.

After the presentation there are some contributions on the convenience of becoming ACM SIGLOG sponsored and/or becoming an ACM conference. Related to this, there are some contributions on the ACM publication policy.

There is also a contribution on the existence of a SIGLOG award and the importance on having some control on the way it is decided.

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

Ralf Treinen presents his proposal (co-authored by Johannes Waldmann) on changing the RTA publication policy (see attached document).

Maribel Fernandez informs the audience that the majority of the SC is against changing the publication policy next year.

Like previous year there is some discussion on the relevance of having a LNCS Springer publication and the impact it may have on the number of submissions if this is no longer the case. All contributions are rather positive on the proposal, but there is no agreement on whether RTA should wait or not to change it.

After the discussion the proposal is voted. The result of the public vote is as follows:

YES:	23
NO:	14
Abstention:	6

The proposal on the change of the publication policy is accepted.

9 Additional documentation

- Beijin 2011 organization proposal.

- Nagoya 2011 organization proposal.

- Novi Sad 2011 organization proposal.

- RTA 2009 PC Chair report.

- RTA 2009 Conference Chair report.

- Report on RTA 2010.

- Steering Committee candidates statements.

- ACM SIGLOG proposal presentation.

- Publication policy proposal.