

Minutes of the RTA'11 business meeting

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See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/rta11bm.pdf>

1) **RDP'13 location** proposal at the Technical University of Eindhoven by Hans Zantema (RTA) and Herman Geuvers (TLCA) in June 2013

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/RTA13.pdf>

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/prop13.pdf>

Q: Any other event organized close to Eindhoven in June 2013?

A: Not known yet 2 years in advance.

Proposal accepted

2) **RTA'11 PC chair report** by Manfred Schmidt-Schauss

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/pc-report-fof.pdf>

46 submissions (9 systems)

accepted: 20 regular: 55%, 8 systems: 85%

conditional accepts: 5

conflicts of interest: 57

external reviewers: 71

Discussion on Lipics and the number of submissions :

Q: Link between drop in number of submissions and publication in Lipics?

A: STACS uses Lipics and there is no drop for STACS:

year	2008	2009	2010	2011
submissions	200	280	238	271
acceptance rate	27%	19%	23%	20%

Note: the number of accepted papers always equals 54.

Q: What drop exactly?

Here are the exact figures for the last 5 years for regular papers only :

year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
submissions	60	57	52	43	36
acceptance rate	40 %	53%	42 %	47 %	56 %

Since 1987 , the average is: 58 submissions (regular papers) , 44 % accepted. From 1987 to 1996, the average is: 78 submissions, 38 % accepted. Since 1997, the average is: 50 submissions, 46% accepted, and the number of submissions is decreasing from one year to the other since 2007 (from 60 to 36). In addition, the acceptance rate tends to slightly increase over the years, going often

above 50% (2006, 2008 and 2011) .

Q: What other conference publishes in Lipics?

A: FSTTCS:

year	2008	2009	2010
submissions	117	117	128
acceptance rate	30%	32%	33%

Note: the number of accepted papers has been counted by hand; there be some little errors.

A: and ICLP technical communications of less good quality...

3) **RTA'11 chair report** by Silvia Ghilezan

80 participants (42 authors = 52%)

16 countries

students: 22 = 27%

women: 9 = 11%

income: 14610 euros

local support: ministry, region, city, IT companies, embassy of France

no support by international IT company

4) **RTA'12 PC chair report** by Ashish Tiwari

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/rta2012pc.pdf>

Q: Suggestions for new topics for inclusion in CFP?

Q: Suggestions for attracting more submissions?

publication in Lipics, special issue in LMCS

5) **RTA'12 chair report** by Masako Sakai

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/RTA2012.pdf>

at Nagoya, Japan

no danger because of Fukujima at 500 km (normal radioactivity level)

schedule:

. Monday 28 May - Tuesday 29 May: workshops

. Wednesday 30 May - Friday 1 June: RTA

6) **Report on the termination competition 2011** by Rene Thiemann

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/competition.pdf>

200 new termination problems added in the TPD

7) **ISR'12 report** by Santiago Escobar

See <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/rta11-isr2012-slides.pdf>

at Valencia, July 16-20, <http://users.dsic.upv.es/~isr2012/>

Track A: newcomers, Track B: advanced

Alan Turing year <http://www.turingcentenary.eu/>

8) **RTA'13 PC chair**

Femke van Raamsdonk: 50, Abstentions: 3

9) **RTA SC renewal**

Georg Moser: 32, Hans Zantema: 16, Abstentions: 5

Georg Moser replaces Johannes Waldmann

10) **ERA ranking system**

- statement by Johannes Waldmann:

ERA (formerly CORE) is a ranking for conferences and journals, maintained by an Australian governmental institution (ranks A*, A, B, C).

RTA had A (?), but dropped out of the ranking in 2008 (?) with no explanation given (NOTE: need to verify the date, cf. <http://www.core.edu.au/index.php/categories/conference%20rankings/1>)

At RTA-2010 business meeting, the SC was instructed to investigate the matter, and try to get RTA back in.

ERA is update every two years, and for the 2012 edition, there was a "public consultation" phase, where we entered RTA for consideration for inclusion, and added comments on why we think this is important. Currently, the comments collected during this phase are being processed by the ranking institution, and we have no feedback.

During early 2011, the RTA SC contacted several Australian researchers to get comments on the situation. The impression is that this ranking is intended for evaluating the impact of Australian researchers (and in turn determine their tenure, and travel funding, etc.), that means if not many Australians are pushing for RTA, then probably nothing will happen. (In recent years, RTA had no Australian submissions ?)

- some comments by Barry Jay, Australian researcher

- another remark: although it is an Australian tool, it is used in other countries too

11) **TLCA'11 business meeting**

PC chair report:

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2011/TLCA2011_PCChairReport.pdf