# Minutes of the RTA'12 business meeting

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| Moderator: | Salvador Lucas |
| Notes: | Frédéric Blanqui |
| Voting: | Masahiko Sakai and Naoki Nishida |

Nagoya, 30 May 2012

Number of participants: about 50

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http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta2012-bm-minutes.pdf
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1. **RTA'12 PC chair report (Ashish Tiwari)**

   http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta2012pc.pdf

   - Manfred Schmidt-Schauss (chair of the RTA 2011 PC) gave a useful TODO list to Ashish
   - Some statistics:
     - Submissions: 46 (after 11 papers withdrawn)
     - Accepted: 22
     - Acceptance rate: 48%
     - Only 1 system description submitted

   Some remarks made:

   - Policy for papers outside PC expertise? critics of Easychair system: less discussion, less control on quality of reviews
   - No camera-ready check before publication

2. **RTA'12 conference chair report (Masahiko Sakai)**

   http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta2012cc.pdf

   Number of participants:

   RTA: 82, workshops only: 22, total: 104 (11 attended FLOPS)

   IFIP: 30, IWC: 26, HOR: 29, TTATT: 25, WFLP: 23

3. **RTA'13 conference chair report (Hans Zantema)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta2013.pdf`

   Conference chair: Hans Zantema

   PC chair: Femke van Raamsdonk

   24-28 June 2013, Eindhoven

   `http://www.win.tue.nl/rdp2013/`

   Workshop proposal: December 2012

   Submission: beginning of February 2013, notification: April 2013

   Fees: about 400 euros (220 for students)

   Hotel: about 100 euros/night (35 for students)

   Access: Eindhoven airport + Amsterdam airport at 1:22 by train

4. **RTA list of open problems (Hans Zantema)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta-loop.pdf`

   Ralf Treinen steps back and is replaced by Hans Zantema to manage web site with Nachum Dershowitz, and the help of the IFIP WG 1.6.

   Very few problems added recently.

   On behalf of the RTA-SC, Salvador Lucas suggests that the new web site makes the history of the list explicit as originally created by RTA participants to encourage research in the field. Hans agrees on that.

5. **ISR'12 (Salvador Lucas)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/isr2012.pdf`

   16-20 July at the Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain.

   `http://users.dsic.upv.es/~isr2012/`

   The fee for early registration is 250 euro (until June 15).

   Cheap accommodation at an outstanding university residence.

6. **CoCo'12 (Takahito Aoto)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/coco2012.pdf`

   Competition among confluence proving/disproving tools. Four participating tools.

   `http://coco.nue.riec.tohoku.ac.jp/2012/`

   125 problems were considered.

7. **RTA'14 (Bernhard Gramlich)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta2014.pdf`

   Election of RTA'14 location: Vienna at FLOC (1 abstention).

   Election of RTA'14 conference chair: Bernhard Gramlich (1 abstention).

Date: mid July.

With 1st Vienna Summer of Logic (VSL), Logic Colloquium (LC), Kürt Gödel research price of K. Gödel Society (KGS)

New conference in FLOC: Principles of Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR)

Conference in city center at 20 km from Vienna airport and 50 km from Bratislava airport

Some remarks made:

- The RTA SC will continue the work of Jürgen Giesl as the representative of RTA at the FLOC SC
- Make sure that RTA does not pay more than other conference wrt the number of days

8. **Election of the RTA'14 PC chair**

Gilles Dowek (1 abstention)

9. **Change in bylaw (Georg Moser)**

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/bylaws.pdf

Georg proposes to have an odd number of members in the Steering Committee to ease decisions. The current number is 6. He proposes to reduce it to 5.

Several members of the GA argued against shrinking the RTA SC too much, as we are quite a big community with several research lines and participating people and countries and such shrinking would somehow mean a shrink of representation as well.

results: YES: 8, NO: 22, ABSTENTIONS: 9

10. **Renewal of Steering Committee**

Ian Mackie and Joachim Niehren leave the SC after 3 years. They are replaced by:

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/sc-nominations.pdf

- Sophie Tison (Lille, France): YES: 42, ABSTENTION or NO: 6
- Mauricio Ayala-Rincon (Brazilia, Brazil): YES: 34, ABSTENTION or NO: 14

11. **Change in LICS policy: what impact on RTA? (Frédéric Blanqui)**

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/lics.pdf

This year, LICS decided to put no a priori limit on the number of accepted papers. This results in an important increase in the number of submissions

and accepted papers, and some important change in the organization of talks.

Some remarks made:

- Submission deadline after LICS results? $\Rightarrow$ problems with conference date and other conferences
- Acceptance rate not essential if quality is good; conferences should be a place where to LEARN
- The fact that LICS papers may have short presentations could be an argument in favour of RTA giving more time to explain your work. On the other hand, some remarks are made about the possibility that the introduction of short publications in the RTA CfP could lead to fewer submissions to the associated RTA workshops.
- Improve refereeing process of RTA (see POPL, etc.)
- Broaden the scope of RTA by inviting in PCs more people outside the core of the rewriting community

12. **Towards a merge of RTA and TLCA? (Frédéric Blanqui)**

   `http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2012/rta-tlca.pdf`

   Frédéric Blanqui, Georg Moser and Joachim Niehren propose to start discussions with the TLCA SC to see if the two conferences could merge and, if possible, submit some project at next RDP.

   Some remarks made:

   - Try to contact other conferences?
   - Masahito Hasegawa (chair of the TLCA 2013 PC) informed about a late TLCA SC message which points towards a joint conference at FLoC 2014. He also mentions previous attempts of TLCA to seek other targets for implementing a merger.
   - Pierre Lescanne claims for a stronger support of new ideas and research lines in RTA.

   results: YES: 24, NO: 3, ABSTENTION: 17