

Minutes of the RTA13 business meeting

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Number of participants: about 50

This file: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/RTA2013Minutes.pdf>

1 RTA'13 PC Chair report

Slides: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/RTA2013PCChairReport>

By Femke van Raamsdonk, RTA'13 PC chair.

1.1 RTA proceedings

The PC was composed by 21+1 members from 10 countries being 5 of them new, and the others share around 37 RTA-PC's experience. The discussion was done in EasyChair.

Lessons learnt: template for CFP should be provided in tex, txt and html; the CFP should emphasize that the "deadline is strict"; a kind of manual should be written and improved from year to year.

Submissions: 58 from which 50 materialized. Two out of 50 are systems descriptions.

Seven papers co-authored by PC members and two for a SC member.

The PC wrote 157 reviews in total: only one paper got two reviews, eight four, and 41 got 3 reviews. There were 71 external reviewers.

The rebuttal procedure was new. Most, but not all submissions had a rebuttal. It contributed to the discussion

The question is whether it's worth the effort? It contributes in fact to the discussion of a few number of papers, but the effort is higher than the usually required.

RTA accepted and published 21 out of 50 submitted papers, which is 42%.

Best paper award was selected among non PC non SC members and was shared by *Linear Logic and Strong Normalization* by Beniamino Accattoli and *A Homotopical Completion Procedure with Applications to Coherence of Monoids* by Yves Guiraud, Philippe Malbos, and Samuel Mimram.

The proceedings were published in LIPICS as it has been done since 2010. Additionally, a special issue of LMCS will be edited for selected papers.

1.2 Workshops and application papers

Satellite Workshops were a nice contribution to RDP.

The “A” from *applications* in RTA should be discussed further. We do not have application papers: position about or against application papers is summarized in reviews comments as *I would love to see this paper be accepted, however ...*

How to improve this?

Including a separate category? Via workshops?

Kris Rose and Georg Moser commented on this fact and the latter mentioned that the question how to have a separate category? would be delegated to the RTA'14 PC chair.

1.3 Issues and suggestions

- How to preserve our material for the community? Websites are not always accessible.
“How-to-do” documentation should be made available for organizers and PC.
- Categories: until now RTA included “regular papers” and “system descriptions”. What about including applications and formalizations?
- Invited speakers: to be chosen not from PC not from SC.

- Planning conference avoiding time overlaps with related ones as LICS.
How to deal with this?
Ask conferences overlapping in themes and/or to avoid overlap in time.

2 RDP'13 Conference report

Slides: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/RTA2013ConfChairReport>
By Hans Zantema, Conference chair.

2.1 Program

RDP = RTA + TLCA + six workshops

Location: TU/e Eindhoven

Program: format 3 + 3 days, overlapping of one day and one Invited Speaker. Workshops on the non-overlapping days, not in weekend.

Stablished workshops: UNIF, IFIP WG 1.6

New workshops: COS HART WIR and IWC

Workshops rang from half to 1.5 days.

WRS was cancelled due to lack of submissions. All other workshops were successful.

2.2 Funding

It was hard to get funding, apart from support from TU/e (like free use of lecture rooms). Additionally, only support from the Dutch organization for scientific research NWO was obtained.

2.3 Participants

Around 100 participants for RDP, around 60 for RTA (low number possibly due to issues such as funding policies and overlap with LICS)

About 10 to 20 participants only attend workshops.

3 Proposal RTA'14 co-conference chair

Bernhard Gramlich asked the SC for support to co-conference chairing RTA/TLCA'14. The SC proposed him Gernot Salzer (Vienna) as co-conference chair.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

4 Proposal for RDP'15 — Warsaw

Slides: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/RDP15WarsawProposal>

The proposal was presented by Aleksy Schubert.

Flexibility to the eventual merging of RTA/TLCA.

- Date: 29.06-03.07 non overlaps with LICS, but LICS is the week after. Eventual changes in dates will be fixed by the RTA SC.
- Venue: University of Warsaw. There is plenty availability of modern facilities in the “New Technologies Centre”.
- Accommodation and transport in Warsaw are reasonable and accessible.
- Organizing Committee:
Conference chair: Aleksy Schubert / Paweł Urzyczyn mentor
Jacek Chrząszcz
Daria Walukiewicz-Chrząszcz
Marcin Benke
- Planned registration fee: under 300 EUR. It was mentioned that students fees will be around 200 EUR.

The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

5 PC Chair of RTA'15

Maribel Fernández (King's College London) was nominated as RTA'15 PC chair by the SC and approved unanimously by the GA.

6 Proposal for an RTA + TLCA'14, as a FLOCS' Joint Conference

File: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/ProposalFLOCS-RTA+TLCA14>

Presented by Georg Moser, RTA SC chair.

Summarizing, the central points of the proposal are:

- One-time joint conference RTA/TLCA at FLoC'14
- One PC chair Gilles Dowek, one PC, one proceedings
- Two OC co-chairs: Bernhard Gramlich and Gernot Salzer
- One room: four days
- Proceedings published within ARCoSS (Springer)

Comments from the SC: a merge RTA + TLCA requires a vision; this takes time; RTA/TLCA presents a less fragmented view of our field to the world; it allows the communities to vote with their feet.

Positions of participants about publication:

Paweł Urzyczyn, TLCA SC chair, mentioned that the TLCA community would like to investigate how this will work and that TLCA people are more conservative about a possible publication in LIPICS. Visibility in Springer is higher in several countries.

Mitsuhiro Okada mentioned that Springer works hard to increase the value and visibility of proceedings publications though clearly a lot of money is involved.

Several suggestions related with having or not a different formula, such as one conference with two different tracks and two proceedings were mentioned by other GA participants, being one of the main aspects of the discussion related with having or not one unique publication in Springer.

Finally, the RTA-SC *kindly asked the RTA GA to instruct the next RTA SC to continue the planning of RTA/TLCA as one-PC-one-proceedings conference that last 4 days and takes place within FLoC14. Furthermore the next RTA SC is instructed to continue ongoing discussions with TLCA SC on behalf of an eventual merge of RTA with TLCA. The outcome of these discussions shall be reported at the general assembly of RTA in Vienna, 2014.*

The proposal was approved by the GA with 31 votes in favor, two contrary and 13 abstentions.

7 Vienna Summer of Logic (VSL'14)

Slides: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/VSL20140verview.pdf>

Report by Georg Moser.

RTA/TLCA'14 as a conference of FLoCS'14, part of VSL'14 which expects more than 2.000 participants; it will be the larger meeting ever in Logics.

- Venue: VSL stream on *Logic in CS / FLoC* at Technische Universitaet Wien. Also, VSL'14 will include streams on *Logic in IA* and *Mathematical Logic*.
- The *Logic in CS / FLoC* VSL'14 stream includes conferences as: CAV, CSF, ICLP, IJCAR, ITP, CSL, SAT, and 25th RTA/12th TLCA.
- Dates for RTA/TLCA'14: 14-17 July, 2014.
- Are expected 30 accepted contributions and 100 participants,
- Single track, single room (capacity 200 persons).
- Same buildings as other FLoC events
- Lunch: self-organised, many pubs around
- Registration fee early/late/onsite: 425/510/595 Euros. Part of the RTA/TLCA'14 registration fees is for VSL'14 organisation.
- Workshops: joint FLoC CFW 100/120/140. Deadline for workshop proposals September 30th, 2013.

Discussion: additional RTA/TLCA conference dinner was considered unnecessary by the GA. Proceedings will be distributed in digital media. The number of printed proceedings is restricted and will be distributed to the attendants under request.

RTA/TLCA'14 proposed dates according to FLoCS'14 deadlines:

- CFP: October 2013
- Abstract submission: 10 Feb, 2014
- Paper submission: 17 Feb, 2014
- Notification: 15 April, 2014
- Final version: 5 May 2014

8 Renewal of SC members

Candidacy statements:

<http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/RTA2013CandStatToRTA-SC>

Since there were three positions, RTA GA participant had right to three votes each.

The following three persons were elected by the GA: Gilles Dowek (Paris) 23 votes; Kris Rose (New York) 27 votes; and Aaron Stump (Iowa) 28 votes. Narciso Marti Oliet (Madrid) received 19 votes.

9 SC proposal of a RTA Test-of-Time Award

Proposal: <http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2013/proposalToTaward>

Reported by Georg Moser.

Proposal in a nutshell:

- RTA ToT Award should recognize papers accepted (about) 20 years prior that have best met the “test of time”
- papers from RTA’85 awarded at RTA’14
- specifically chosen awards committee appointed by the RTA SC

The SC kindly asked the RTA current general assembly to instruct the next RTA SC to initiate an RTA Test-of-Time Award. The first award winners should be presented at RTA in Vienna, 2014.

The proposal was approved by the GA with 35 votes in favor, 0 contra and 4 abstentions.

10 Any other agenda

Paweł Urzyczyn and others mentioned that it’s relevant to encourage the rewriting community to propose workshops on rewriting topics for VSL’14.