Minutes of the
RTA&TLCA'14 business meetings

RTA BM moderator:	Georg Moser (RTA SC chair)
RTA SC members present:	Sophie Tison
	Gilles Dowek
	Kris Rose
	Mauricio Ayala-Rincón (notes)
RTA SC member non present :	Aaron Stump
TLCA BM moderator:	Paweł Urzyczyn (TLCA SC chair)

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Number of participants: about 60
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PART I: RTA BUSINESS MEETING
Moderated by Georg Moser.

1   RTA'16 hosting proposals

1.1   RTA'16 proposal Marseille (by Jean-Marc Talbot)

Joint CSL and RTA, possibilities to host either RTA or a joint RTA&TLCA.

Venue	Campus Saint-Charles (close to the train station)
Possible dates	the week 29th August - 2nd September

Estimative accommodation cost, transport, data about hotels, tourism, etc. were given. Expected incomes €55K (estimated registration fees 120 x €380 plus €10K from local grants)

1.2   RTA'16 proposal Porto (by Sandra Alves)

Brief history and cultural aspects about Porto were given: architecture and Pritzker awarded architects, heritage, wine and food. Estimative accommodation cost, transport, hotels, tourism, etc. were given. possibilities to host either RTA or a joint RTA&TLCA.

Venue	University of Porto
Possible dates	a week between 15th June and 15th July

Estimated registration costs: €120 student, €350 ordinary plus €100 each workshop.

Georg Moser put in discussion nomination of the RTA SC of Delia Kesner as RTA'16 PC chair that was unanimously approved.

Before the election of a hosting proposal, Jean-Pierre Jouannaud suggested maintaining a joint RTA&TLCA in the next editions of RTA. Thus, the election was postponed for the part II TLCA business meeting in which questions about whether TLCA will in fact take place in 2016 and whether it will take place jointly with RTA 2016 would be decided by the TLCA community.

Thus, RTA'16 hosting election was then postponed to be taken during the TLCA business meeting (see Part II of the minutes, section 3 on the next TLCA).

2   Renewal of SC Members

Georg Moser presented the current Steering Committee members elected for three years:

Georg Moser (2011-2014)
Sophie Tison (2012-2015)
Mauricio Ayala-Rincón (2012-2015)
Gilles Dowek (2013-2016)
Aaron Stump (2013-2016)
Kris Rose (2013-2016)

Georg Moser explained that his participation in the RTA SC finishes after RTA'14 and a new SC member should then be elected for the period 2014-2017.

It was made clear that each attendant has three votes. Election took place and the three candidates received votes as below:

- Eduardo Bonelli 61 votes

- Santiago Escobar 26 votes

- Nao Hirokawa 71 votes

As result Nao Hirokawa was elected to substitute Georg Moser for the next three years until RTA'17.

3 Presentation of RTA ToT Award

The RTA Test of Time jury, consisting of Jean-Pierre Jouannaud, José Meseguer and Yoshihito Toyama, selected:

Nachum Dershowitz for his paper "Termination"
In Proc. 1st RTA, volume 202 of LNCS, pages 180-224, 1985.

The jury formulated the following motivation for this selection: *The subject of termination has proved to be of enormous importance, both theoretically and with respect to tool development, and even industrial applications. The number of papers triggered directly or indirectly by this seminal paper is tremendous. The subject has also spawned numerous links with termination theories in the neighbouring held of lambda calculi and type theories. The paper therefore has had a unifying influence too. This survey paper by Nachum Dershowitz is a beautiful overview of the knowledge of termination techniques at the time of publication, but is moreover of everlasting value since it has given active encouragement to research in this field, and continues to do so, as witnessed for instance by the current Termination Competition and various workshops devoted on the subject of Termination.*

4 RTA-TLCA'14 PC chair report (by Gilles Dowek)

Slides presented

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2014/RTATLCA2014chair.pdf

The PC was conformed giving priority to participation of young talented researchers, then wise persons and underrepresented topics. It consisted of 34 members from six countries being 25 from EU countries, 4 from USA, 3 from Canada one from Brazil and one from Uruguay.

Submissions: 107 abstracts, 87 papers, 31 accepted.

Each paper was refereed by at least three reviewers. Rebuttal was useful but add no changes. Most papers accepted were from EU. Need to develop RT and TLC outside Europe and North America.

Decisions about awards were unanimous. Additional work on applications is necessary.

5 RTA-TLCA'14 OC chair report (by Gernot Salzer)

Slides presented

http://www.rewriting.org/rta/documents/RTA-2014/RTATLCA2014OC.pdf

Budget: 75 regular + 31 student registrations, 95 dinner participants (including 9 accompanying persons).

Invited Speakers (VSL)	€6.300	€6.300	invited Speakers
Discretionary budget (VSL)	€3.000	€216	Awards
Subsidy (RTA)	€1.016	€3.800	RTA-TLCA dinner
Total revenues	€10.316	€10.316	**Total expenses**

Smooth cooperation with Gilles, Georg and Paweł(PC and SC chairs) and good support from VSL in general.

5.1 RTA&TLCA 2014 Workshops (by Aleksy Schubert)

Slides presented

Workshops were unusual due to the insertion in VSL: 11 workshops with primary and 6 with secondary affiliation, respectively:

- 2FC, HOR, IFIP-WG16, ITRS, IWC, NLSR, TERMGRAPH, UNIF, WIR, WPTE, WST, and

- ADDCT, CHR, CiCLOPS-WLPE, Linearity, VSTTE, WING.

Some workshops suffered from small number of participants probably because of the impact of FLoC on RTA&TLCA.

Call for workshop proposals in Warsaw next year will be announced around August 2014 being the deadline September the 30th.

6 Discussion: Assessment of RTA&TLCA'14

RTA&TLCA'14 was a success: high quality and distribution of submitted papers, perfect intertwining of the communities within the PC, higher level of understanding reached in the conference.

Several persons in the audience gave favorable opinions about the current RTA&TLCA'14.

Some in favor of co-location, but separated. Thorsten Altenkirch and Masahito Hasegawa pointed out that semantics and category theory have been underrepresented.

Simona Ronchi Della Rocca proposed start a new conference covering nowadays topics related with rewriting and type theory.

PART II: TLCA BUSINESS MEETING

Moderated by Paweł Urzyczyn.

1 TLCA Steering Committee

The following members of the SC are resigning:

1. Samson Abramsky

2. Henk Barendregt

3. Mariangiola Dezani

4. Simona Ronchi Della Rocca

Remaining TLCA SC members:

1. Pierre-Louis Curien

2. Masahito Hasegawa

3. Martin Hofmann

4. Luke Ong

5. Paweł Urzyczyn (chair)

6. Gilles Dowek

Paweł listed the immediate urgent tasks to be undertaken by the TLCA SC:

Obligations for the expanded SC, to be reported at TLCA 2015 in Warsaw:

- Develop proposal(s) for the future development of TLCA.

- Prepare a set of rules (bylaws) for TLCA, including in particular a procedure to (s)elect SC members in the future.

To undertake these obligations other TLCA SC members were nominated:

7. Steve Awodey

8. Sandra Alves

9. Hugo Herbelin

10. Ugo Dal Lago

11. Michele Pagani

12. Jens Palsberg

13. Jakob Rehof

14. Philip Wadler

2   Merge to a new conference

Alternatives:

1. Retain TLCA identity and name.

2. Merge with RTA into a conference with a broader scope.

Thorsten Altenkirch discussed in favor of the first alternative. Mariangiola Dezani-Ciancaglini, Jean-Pierre Jouannaud, Luke Ong, Jakob Rehof, Simona Ronchi Della Rocca, Aleksy Schubert, and others gave their opinion in favor of the fusion, that is the second alternative. Paweł Urzyczyn suggested the voting to be restricted to only attendants strictly related with TLCA. This was seconded by Georg Moser. The decision was for merging TLCA with RTA into a conference with a broader scope accordingly to the following voting:

1. Retain TLCA identity and name? 6 votes

2. Merge with RTA into a conference with a broader scope? 21 votes

3   Discussion on the next TLCA's

During RDP 2013 it was decided that TLCA will take part of RDP 2015 in Warsaw and the question is what to do in 2016? The following possibilities were listed and discussed:

1. No TLCA at all;

2. Try RDP if possible;

3. Other colocation (IFL?).

The election result was in favor of having TLCA 2016 with 6 votes contrary and more than 20 in favor.

Since the decision was positive, Paweł Urzyczyn suggested subsequently to vote on:

- whether the TLCA community want RDP in 2016?

The result was the majority in favor of RDP being 7 votes contrary.

The postponed decision on the hosting site for RTA 2016 was formulated to all attendants with the following result: the proposal to host RDP in Porto was elected by the majority: more than 30 votes were favorable against only 4 votes in favor of Marseille.

Subsequently, Paweł Urzyczyn put the following questions for voting:

1. 2017: Colocation with ICFP?

2. 2018: RTA/TLCA at FLoC?

Both questions were decided positively by majority. That is, the majority was in favor of the colocation with ICFP in 2017 and RTA&TLCA at FLoC in 2018.

4   TLCA Publication

The question

- whether the TLCA community is satisfied with ARCoSS (YES), or is it time to switch to LIPIcs (NO)?

was discussed and voted obtaining the following result: The majority was favorable in switching to a publication in LIPIcs with one vote against.

Finally, it was voted to start the TLCA proceedings publication with LIPIcs immediately in 2015 having as result a majority favorable with one vote contrary.