

# SIPTA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

1. The meeting, led by Teddy Seidenfeld, the new President and former Secretary, opened at 18:00 hours with thanks to outgoing officers:

- Newest ex-President: Marco Zaffalon
- Newest ex-Treasurer: Gert de Cooman  
*Gert reported that SIPTA's account showed a bank balance of 9.736,44 euros on June 30, 2009. The membership congratulated him on an excellent IP-investment strategy!*
- Newest ex-At-Large members: Fabio Cozman, Terry Fine, and Isaac Levi

Greetings to the incoming officers:

- Secretary: Erik Quaeghebeur
- Treasurer: Enrique Miranda
- At-Large: Gert de Cooman, Serena Doria, Matthias Troffaes

Continuing officers:

- Executive Editor: Alessandro Antonucci
- At-Large: Paolo Vicig

Not one of the officers, but:

- Extraordinary Service Role: Serafin Moral  
*As a token of appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Society, SIPTA presented Serafin with a copy of Keynes's *Treatise on Probability*, signed by past and present members of the Executive Committee.*

2. The 2010 Summer School will take place from 1 to 6 September 2010 at Durham University; a conjoined workshop will take place from 6 to 10 September 2009; both will be organized by Frank Coolen and Matthias Troffaes.
3. ISIPTA '11 — We received two preliminary offers:
  - a) Sébastien Destercke offered to organize ISIPTA '11 in Montpellier. The last SIPTA summer school (2008) was held there and was widely judged a great success.
  - b) Thomas Fetz also made an offer to organize ISIPTA '11 in Innsbruck. This is the group of Michael Oberguggenberger (<http://techmath.uibk.ac.at/michael/>).

We agreed to ask each of them to submit a developed proposal for review by the SIPTA board. The Executive Committee will contact both groups.

4. Other outreach efforts:

- a) Citation Index: the ISIPTA Proceedings are listed with Thomson–Reuters, effective with ISIPTA '05.
- b) We will continue with special issues of allied Journals based on groups of ISIPTA papers.
- c) We will try to create specialized SIPTA sessions at important standing conferences in allied disciplines, e.g., the UAI conference for Computer Science and the biennial Phil Sci. Association meetings. Teddy Seidenfeld offered to coordinate these efforts, which will be announced on the SIPTA homepage and via the SIPTA mailing list.

5. The meeting was opened for discussion of various ideas and announcements made by the members:

- a) Thomas Augustin suggested the possibility of leveraging SIPTA funds to get other funds.
- b) Thomas Augustin announced an upcoming informal workshop in München (9-15 September) in celebration of Kurt Weichselberger's 80th birthday.
- c) Frank Coolen suggested that informal workshops should be conjoined to currently planned workshops. For example, one will be colocated with the next summer school in Durham, in early September 2010.
- d) Gert de Cooman reminded the members to inform the Society of their new research papers by announcing them through the SIPTA-mailing-list.
- e) Fabio Cozman suggested that each poster-only contributor be allowed a 1-minute presentation. This proposal was adopted for the current meeting's poster-only session, held Friday afternoon (July 24).
- f) Frank Coolen inquired whether there are any plans to use the SIPTA budget, e.g., for promotional activities. The new President said that, in order to conserve the modest SIPTA endowment, other funding sources will be used first.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 18:30.