

**Minutes of the SIPTA General Meeting at the ISIPTA'2015 conference in Pescara, on  
July 21<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

1. Fabio Cozman informs the SIPTA members about the results of the last elections to the Executive Committee, which have given the following composition:

President- Matthias Troffaes

Secretary- Enrique Miranda (outgoing Executive Editor)

Treasurer- Alessio Benavoli

Executive Editor- Sébastien Destercke (outgoing Secretary)

At Large Members- Cassio P. de Campos, Marco Cattaneo (continuing), Erik Quaeghebeur (outgoing Treasurer), Gregory Wheeler and Jasper de Bock.

2. Erik Quaeghebeur, the outgoing Treasurer, presents the financial report. There are currently 10055.54 euros in the SIPTA account, which is an increase of 300.2 euros (3.07%) with respect to the situation in July 2013. He also informs about the ongoing procedure to change the ownership of the account according to the SIPTA articles, and about the request to grant electronic access to the authorized people.
3. Fabio Cozman informs about the workshops and special sessions organized by members of the society in the past two years.
  - The imprecise probabilities group in Lugano organized the Sixth International Workshop on Principles and Methods for Statistical Inference with Imprecise data (WPMSIIP'2013) in September 2013.
  - Enrique Miranda co-organized the EUROFUSE'2013 workshop on Uncertainty and Imprecision Modelling in Decision Making, where Erik Quaeghebeur and Sebastien Destercke held a special session on imprecise probabilities.
  - Enrique Miranda, Kevin Loquin and Sébastien Destercke co-organized a special session on imprecise probabilities at IPMU'2014 in Montpellier.
  - Thomas Augustin, Seamus Bradley, Marco Cattaneo and others organized a workshop on Imprecise Probabilities in Mathematics in Philosophy in June 2014 in Munich.
  - The SYSteMS research group in Ghent organized the Seventh International Workshop on Principles and Methods for Statistical Inference with Imprecise data WPMSIIP'2014 in September 2014.
  - Inés Couso and Didier Dubois organized a workshop on imprecise probabilities in Toulouse in May'2015.
  - Sébastien Destercke has co-organized a workshop on machine learning (WUML) in Compiègne in June'2015.

4. Enrique Miranda reports about the SIPTA School that took place in Montpellier in June 2014, and that he co-organised with Kévin Loquin, Erik Quaeghebeur and Olivier Strauss.

5. Fabio Cozman reports about the ongoing ISIPTA'2015 and thanks Serena Doria as President of the Local Organizing Committee and the members of the Program Committee Board.

6. The meeting continues with the new President, Matthias Troffaes, who thanks Fabio Cozman for his work in these past years and informs the members about the school on Bayesian Analysis and Decision Theory, which will be held in August in Lund, Sweden.

In other upcoming activities:

-Paul Fink informs about WPMSIIP'2015, that will be held in Munich in early September;

-Marco Cattaneo informs that he and Andrea Wiencierz are holding a special session on Statistical Methods for Imperfect Data at CMStatistics in London, in December;

-Barbara Vantaggi informs that she will be co-organising the next SMPS conference in Rome, in September 2016.

6. Preliminary discussion about the SIPTA School in 2016 is held. Matthias Troffaes informs the possibility of holding it in Durham, and to collocate it with WPMSIIP'2016. The possibility of collocating it with a large conference is also discussed.

7. Preliminary discussion about ISIPTA'2017 is held. The possibility of collocating ISIPTA together with ECSQARU is discussed, and a proposal to have it in Lugano, organized by the IPGroup at IDSIA, is presented by Alessandro Antonucci. A discussion ensues about the management of the local organization of both conferences, and about the possibility of being the ECSQARU group who handles the local organization of the two conferences instead.

Related to this, Erik Quaeghebeur reports Cassio de Campos' suggestion of collocating ISIPTA with a bigger conference. A discussion about the pros and cons of this possibility ensues and the implications it may have about the format and selection standards of ISIPTA, with comments by Sébastien Destercke, Alessandro Antonucci, Matthias Troffaes, Gert de Cooman, and Thomas Augustin.

8. In other matters, the interest of having IP tutorials at other conferences is discussed; Erik Quaeghebeur reports on Cassio de Campos' tutorial at UAI, Alessandro Antonucci informs that he and Cassio will give a tutorial at IJCAI and Gert de Cooman and Mikelis Bikis mention the possibility of doing the same at other conferences.

Finally, Fabio Cozman reports Cassio de Campos' suggestion of creating a journal on imprecise probability; Matthias Troffaes says that the matter will be discussed by the Executive Committee in the coming months.

And, with no more questions or comments by the SIPTA members, the meeting is adjourned at 17:00 on July 21, 2015.

Matthias Troffaes, President

Enrique Miranda, Secretary