

**Minutes of the SIPTA General Meeting at the ISIPTA'2019 conference in Ghent, on
July 5th, 2019.**

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

President- Jasper de Bock

Secretary- Matthias Troffaes

Treasurer- Alessandro Antonucci

Executive Editor- Ignacio Montes

At Large Members- Cassio P. de Campos, Gert de Cooman, Sébastien Destercke, Georg Schollmeyer and Enrique Miranda.

He also thanks the Teller Committee (Tathagata Basu, Patrick Schwaferts and Arthur Van Camp) for handling all the practical details of the organization of the Elections, as well as all the candidates for standing.

2. The following addition to the SIPTA bylaws is proposed:

Head:

Process for conducting an electronic General Meeting of the SIPTA

Proposal:

1. In addition to the procedure described in Article VI, the SIPTA Executive Committee may also organise electronic meetings of the SIPTA outside the ISIPTA conferences. In those General Meetings, bylaws suggested by the Members and changes and additions to the articles may be considered and voted, in the terms stipulated in Articles VI.3 and VI.4, with the proviso that participation in the meeting can only be done electronically.

The change is approved by unanimity among the members present.

3. Sébastien Destercke presents the report from the outgoing Treasurer, Alessio Benavoli. There are currently 10583.90 CHF in the SIPTA account, which is a decrease of 140.98 CHF with respect to the situation in July 2017.
4. Sébastien Destercke informs about some of the workshops and special sessions organized by members of the society in the past two years.
 - Sébastien Destercke organized the Ninth International Workshop on Principles and Methods for Statistical Inference with Imprecise data (WPMSIIP'2017) in Compiègne (France).
 - Massimiliano Vasile organized the UTOPIAE Opening training school in Glasgow (UK).
 - Enrique Miranda and Ignacio Montes organized a special session on imprecise probabilities at IPMU'2018 in Cádiz (Spain).

- Scott Ferson and Edoardo Patelli organized special sessions on imprecise probabilities at ACSE-IVRAM'2018 in Florianópolis (Brazil).
 - Scott Ferson, Edoardo Patelli, Marco de Angelis and John Mottershead organized REC'2018 in Liverpool (UK).
 - Enrique Miranda and Ignacio Montes organized the SIPTA School'2018 and WPMSIIP'18 in Oviedo (Spain).
5. Sébastien Destercke shares some reflections about the state of the Society and of Imprecise Probabilities activities:
- There are exciting new developments in IP, in the fields such as Stochastic processes, Engineering Applications, Machine learning or Statistics, etc. As a consequence, there is a potentially big community of IP-interested researchers.
 - There exists an overall need for robustness/safety in many fields, such as AI for safety-critical systems, Environmental science or System design.
 - However, convincing that IP approaches are relevant alternatives to use can still be hard.
6. The meeting continues with the new President, Jasper De Bock.
7. Jasper De Bock, thanks the outgoing executive team for their excellent work.
8. A number of upcoming events, related to imprecise probability, are briefly advertised.
9. The upcoming SIPTA school is discussed. Marco de Angelis proposes to hold the school in Liverpool, and gives an overview of his plans and of available facilities. It is unanimously agreed that Liverpool is a suitable target for the next school.
10. The upcoming ISIPTA conference is discussed. There are no concrete plans yet. Interested parties are invited to get in touch with the executive committee.
11. Jasper De Bock briefly discusses his plans for the future.
12. Jasper De Bock thanks all present for their contributions.

With no more questions or comments by the SIPTA members, the meeting is adjourned.

Jasper De Bock, President

Matthias Troffaes, Secretary