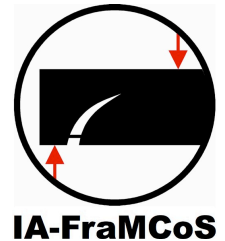


# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IA-FRAMCoS HELD IN UC BERKELEY. MAY 30, 2016

Venue: Kerr-Clark Conference Center, K. Theater, UC Berkeley  
Date and Time: Monday, May 30, 2016 – 17:30-18:30h



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The General Assembly (GA) of the IA-FRAMCoS had been included in the Program of the Conference, scheduled right after the last parallel sessions of the first day. The approved agenda for the GA was:

- Welcome
- State of IA-FRAMCoS
  - Financials
  - <http://framcos.org>
- IA-FRAMCoS Board of Directors Election Results
- Bylaws
- New Fellows
- Report on FRAMCoS-9
  - Participation and Publication
  - Financials
- FRAMCoS-10

The GA was presided by the Board of Directors and there were 76 members in attendance. It started on time and followed the items that had been arranged in the agenda.

## **(1) Welcome**

Victor Saouma welcomed all the members present and made a brief introduction of the topics that were going to be dealt with. In particular, he said that the reason for having the GA on the first day of the Conference was to have as many members attending it as possible, mainly due to the importance of the voting on the new Bylaws. He also reminded that, as he had already announced, he had decided to step down as a member of the Board of Directors right after the Conference, since he had worked hard as President for the last term and thought that it was time for him to concentrate on other business.

## **(2) State of IA-FRAMCoS**

Gianluca Cusatis briefly stated that the financial situation of the IA was healthy and that it had an account balance of around 40.000 USD.

Victor Saouma spoke about the web-site of the IA, <http://framcos.org>. Setting it up has been a major accomplishment of his tenure as President. In particular, all the papers published in the previous conferences have been up-loaded to the web, are searchable and can be downloaded by anyone, which notably increases the visibility of the research done by FRAMCoS community. Likewise, the web also contains an archive with documents of the IA and of the conferences.

## **(3) IA-FRAMCoS Board of Directors Election Results**

Gonzalo Ruiz reported on the results of the election of new members of the Board of Directors, which was made by an electronic ballot that had been announced on line on May 18 to all the 325 members of the IA. There were 180 members who voted to at least one and up to four of the six selected candidates for a position in the Board of Directors. The votes obtained by each candidate were:

	Votes	Percentage
Gianluca Cusatis	87	48.3
Marco di Prisco	84	46.7
J. M. Chandra Kishen	43	23.9
Eric Landis	102	56.7
Erik Schlangen	105	58.3
Shilang Xu	38	21.1

So, the newly elected Directors were Gianluca Cusatis, Marco di Prisco, Eric Landis and Erik Schlangen.

#### **(4) Bylaws**

A file containing the draft of new Bylaws and a table explaining the main changes and the reasons behind them had been posted on the IA web site on April 29. Hence, the document was available for examination prior to vote. It also had been emphasized that, according to the current Bylaws, approval of new ones can only be done by majority of members present at a GA. Gonzalo Ruiz explained that the voting was going to be made just by ‘raising hands’ with the options ‘yes’, ‘no’ and ‘abstain’. The results were:

	Votes	Percentage
Yes	54	71.1
No	0	0.0
Abstention	1	1.3

There were 21 members present (27.6%) that did not raise their hands to support any of the options. The counts were made by members Rocío Porras and Xiaoxin Zhang. So, the new Bylaws passed.

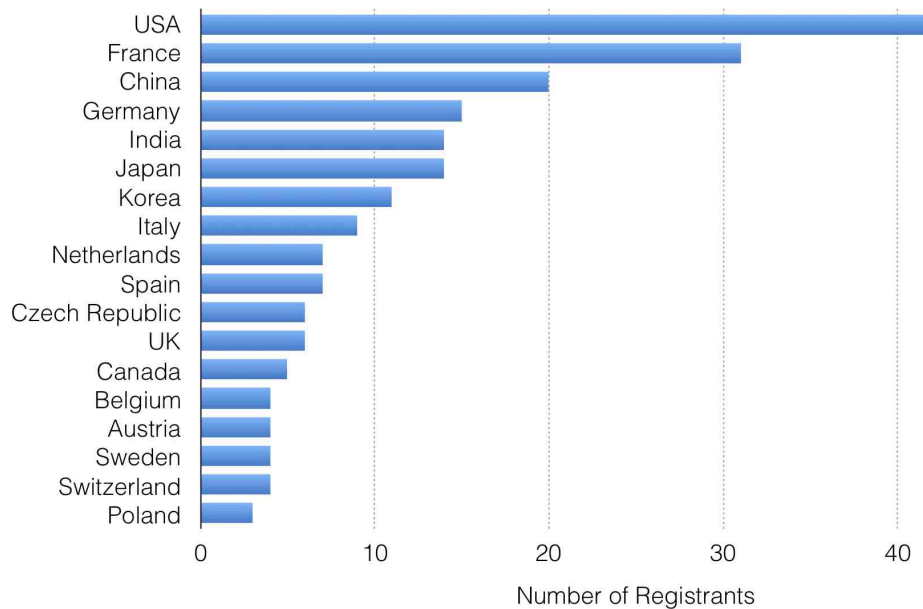
#### **(5) New Fellows**

Victor Saouma announced the appointment of new fellows of the IA. They were J. M. Chandra Kishen, former student of his, due to the facts that he attended FraMCoS 5-9 bringing students with him (2 in Jeju, 5 in Toledo and 6 in Berkeley), that he is very well published and that he is a very low key modest serious researcher and Professor at the Indian Institute of Science. Another two new fellows were Eric Landis and John Bolander for their great job in the preparation of the present Conference.

#### **(6) Report on FraMCoS-9**

Eric Landis gave a summary on the attendance and on the publication of proceedings. The total number of abstracts submitted was 314, which led to 205 conference presentations and 178 papers published (6 still pending as of then). The total number of FraMCoS-9 registrants was 235 (86 of them were students) from 32 countries. Figure 1 plots a bar diagram showing the countries that were represented the most.

Regarding the Conference Proceedings, Eric Landis explained that, for the first time in the FraMCoS conference series, the proceedings are published in the Cloud so as to improve availability to a wide audience. Each paper has been assigned a digital object identifier, DOI, and it is accessible via both [framcos.org](http://framcos.org) and [dx.doi.org](http://dx.doi.org). For instance, paper 93 is assigned the DOI 10.21012/FC9.093 and can be addressed directly by [dx.doi.org/10.21012/FC9.093](http://dx.doi.org/10.21012/FC9.093). Eric Landis stressed that DOI should be included in paper citation since it facilitates obtaining the cited document and, besides, many journals now require this if the DOI is available. Finally, he said that internet indexing of the FraMCoS-9 conference papers had already begun.



Also represented: Australia, Argentina, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Hong Kong, Israel, Pakistan, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, UAE, others

Fig. 1. Most represented countries in FraMCoS-9 (elaborated by Eric Landis).

John Bolander spoke briefly about the financial situation of the Conference as of that day. The estimated budget items were:

**FraMCoS-9 budget items** (estimated, as of May 30, 2016)

<b>Itemized expenditures</b>	<b>Amount (USD)</b>
On-site accommodations*	59,400
Venue**	17,500
Commuter lunch package	5,000
Printed materials (book of abstracts and program)	5,900
Catering***	15,800
Claremont Hotel room block	12,000
Banquet reception and dinner	29,000
Miscellaneous expenses	2,000
IA-FraMCoS contribution	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,600</b>

\* including breakfast and lunch on MTW

\*\* session rooms, audio/visual equipment rental, and tech support

\*\*\* six coffee breaks, Sunday and Wednesday evening receptions

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Amount (USD)</b>
Registration and accommodation fees	153,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,000</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>1,400</b>

## **(7) FraMCoS-10**

Gilles Pijaudier-Cabot started by thanking Victor Saouma for his great job as President during the last term and the organization of FraMCoS-9. Later on he said that FraMCoS-10 will take place at Bayonne, a beautiful city close to Biarritz, in the spring of 2019. Peter Grassl and Christian La Borderie will serve as co-organizers of the Conference.

As there were no other matters to deal with, the President closed the General Assembly at 18:30.

Gonzalo Ruiz, IA-FraMCoS Secretary