

Minutes of the Meeting of the Founding Members and acting Board of Directors of the IDRiM Society

Place: BOKU, Vienna, Austria
Date: 1 September 2010
Time: 20:00-22:00
Prepared by: Ana Maria Cruz

List of participants:

Okada, Norio	Krausmann, Elisabeth
Tatano, Hirokazu	Bayer, Joanne
Ashtiany, Mohsen	Benouar, Djillali
Scawthorn, Charles	Hatayama, Michinori
Rose, Adam (via the Internet)	Hochrainer, Stefan
Samaddar, Subhajyoti	Mechler, Reinhard
Misra, Bijayanand	Nachtnebel, Hans-Peter
Yamori, Katsuya	Takara, Kaoru
Fang, Weihua	Yokomatsu, Muneta
Gheorge, Adrian (via the Internet)	

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The following points were discussed.

1. Agenda of the General Assembly to be held on 2 September 2010 from 16:00-18:00 at BOKU, Hall A, Vienna, Austria.

An agenda for the General Assembly was proposed and includes the following points:

- a. Short presentation of IDRiM Society (for new members)
 - b. Selection of a chair person
 - c. Election of Board Members
 - d. Election of President
 - e. Election of Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary
 - f. Report of Activities
2. Report of activities
 - a) Registration
There are currently 38 people registered; 17 of these have not yet paid their membership dues.
 - b) IDRiM Journal
Mohsen Ashtiany said that the journal and society website are ready, up and running. All of the problems identified have been corrected. Now it is a matter of using the editorial management system and reporting any problems to the webmaster.

Ana Maria Cruz explained that there are 13 authors who have agreed to submit manuscripts for the 1st issue of the IDRiM Journal to be published in December 2010. Two manuscripts have already been submitted and will undergo peer review. The extended deadline for submission of manuscripts for the 1st issue is 30 September 2010 (with the exception of Andrew Collins and Charles Scawthorn – deadline 15 October).

c) IDRiM Society webpage –The website is working well. The new website design is very nice.

d) Membership

There are currently 38 members as was mentioned above. A question that came up was whether all these members are regular members, student members, or other.

There were some questions and discussion about the various membership categories. Ana Maria explained the associated organization membership category (an individual who is a member of an associated organization. The associated organization member pays a reduced fee, and does not have voting rights. The fee for this category of 3000 yen was considered a bit low. After some discussion, the 3000 yen fee was maintained.

3. Next hosting candidates for IDRiM2011

Two proposals are currently being developed.
Algeria (Djillali Benouar) and US (Adam Rose)

Following further examinations and confirmation of the workability of each of the proposals, and based on overall assessment, the final decision should be commissioned to the Board of Directors.

4. Selection procedure

There was discussion concerning the number of people that should compose the Board of Directors, with some favoring less and others favoring more. Those that favored less members argued that it became difficult to make decisions with a large board. The difficulty to bring all the Board members together, when there is a large Board, to hold meetings was also considered a negative point. Those in favor of a larger Board, argued that since the Society is just starting it is important to have a larger Board, particularly those people who are motivated to work to give the Society a good head start. In the end, it was decided that the Board of Directors should be composed of 15 members.

The Board of Directors will be elected by vote during the General Assembly on 2 September. The President will also be elected by vote during the General Assembly. In the case of the Board of Directors, it was agreed that the names of members that have been nominated will be placed on a ballot, leaving a few blank spaces for other nominees not already on the ballot. Each member can elect 15 names.

5. Editorial Board of IDRiM Journal

It was decided that the first two issues (during the 1st year) will be open access. The Board of Directors will later evaluate whether to keep or not the open access policy for the second year. In any case, it was considered important that the Society be flexible in the first year or so to attract interest and members.

It was agreed that the IDRiM Journal will be published once per semester. The first two issues will be published online only. A decision to publish a paper version will depend on availability of financial resources in the near future.

Ana Maria Cruz said it was important to define the roles and responsibilities of the Editors. She will ask the five Editors to send her a list of their main areas of expertise to help her assign the manuscripts to the Editors.

Charles Scawthorn said that the most important role of the Editorial Board is to serve as reviewers for the journal, as well as to promote the Journal and invite authors to submit papers.

A question was raised concerning the indexing of the Journal, particularly concerning the importance of having a high impact factor. Mohsen explained that indexing and filing an application for an impact factor evaluation is usually done after the first year once one or two issues have been published. Adrian Gheorge (via Skype) said more or less the same when explaining the procedure he had to follow for a journal that he started a few years ago.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.