

EWM General Assembly 2003

Minutes of the General Assembly

Time: Thursday, November 6, 2003

Place: CIRM, Luminy, Marseille, France

Present: twenty three members from eleven countries.

1. Opening of the General Assembly

Moderator: Marjo Lipponen-Salhi, Finland

Marjo Lipponen-Salhi welcomed everybody to attend the General Assembly.

The eleventh meeting of the EWM was announced in the EWM newsletter on March 2002 and on the EWM web-pages. The requirement for majority was also met. Thus Marjo Lipponen-Salhi declared the General Assembly to be legal.

The agenda proposed by Lipponen-Salhi was accepted.

2. Appointment of tasks for the General Assembly

2.1. Appointed people to take notes at the assembly:

Mari Laakso, Finland

Coletta Guillopé, France

2.2. Appointed people to check the minutes:

Marie Demlova, Check Republic

Sheung Tsun Tsou, United Kingdom

2.3. Appointed people to count the votes:

Tatiana Vassilieva, Russia

Christine Charretton, France

3. Approved new members

The General Assembly accepted those who have become members since the last meeting, and those who became members during this meeting.

4. Approved the new secretary for the EWM

Mari Laakso, Finland, was approved to be the secretary of the EWM.

5. Approved the minutes of the previous General Assembly

The minutes of the previous General Assembly held during the 10th meeting of the EWM, 2001, were approved.

It was decided that the secretary is to find new auditors from Finland. No auditors were elected.

7. Confirmation of the financial statement and relief of responsibilities

Marjo Lipponen-Salhi presented the financial reports for 2001 and 2002, which were confirmed. The auditors have suggested that those responsible for liabilities should be discharged of their responsibility. The General Assembly discharged them of responsibilities.

To cover the expenses of the 11th meeting, participants were encouraged to make donations to EWM. Moreover, the General Assembly asked the standing Committee for 500 euro towards the expenses of the 11th meeting.

It was reminded that the Regional coordinators should bring the collected membership fees in cash to the meeting, so that banking fees are minimized.

To get more funding, the following ideas were discussed:

- to apply for a grant in the 6th EU framework (there is a section about nets of European women scientists);
- to apply for private funding (Ericsson etc).

The budget for the next two years was left to be decided by the Standing Committee.

8. Membership fees

The General Assembly decided that membership fees should remain as before: 1 Euro (low), 20 Euro (standard) and 50 Euro (high).

9. Election of Standing Committee for 2004-2005

The continuing members, elected in 2001, of the Standing Committee are:

Sabine Pickenheim, Germany
Catherine Hobbs, Great Britain
Francine Diener, France
Irena Sciriha, Malta
Marjo Lipponen-Salhi, Finland
Marie Demlova, Check Republic
Inna Yemelyannova, Russia

Proposed re-elected members are:

Lyudmila Bordag, Sweden
Polina Agranovich, Ukraine
Laura Tedeschini-Lalli, Italy

The following were proposed as new members:

Tatiana Ivanova, Russia
Badrie Kojok, Lebanon

The General Assembly agreed with the proposal and confirmed the membership in the Standing Committee of those listed above.

Karma Dajani, The Netherlands announced that she could replace a member of the Standing Committee in the event that one of the members should choose to resign.

10. Election of the convenor and deputy convenor for 2004-2005

Laura Tedeschini-Lalli was elected as the convenor for 2004-2005. Marjo Lipponen-Salhi and

Marie Demlova were elected to be the deputy convenors.

11. Election of international coordinators

The following persons agreed to continue in the position as international coordinators for the following regions:

Center and East: Marie Demlova, Check Republic

South and West: Rosa Maria Spitaleri, Italy

North: Laura Fainsilber, Sweden

Russia: Irina Astashova

Their re-election was approved.

12. Confirming the regional coordinators

The General Assembly confirmed the regional coordinators:

Olga Mukhtarova, *Azerbaijan*; Natalia Balashevic, *Belorussia*; Daniela Nikolova, *Bulgaria*; Marie Demlova, *Czech Republic*; Lisbeth Fajstrup, *Denmark*; Helle Hein, *Estonia*; Marjo Lipponen-Salhi, *Finland*; Francine Diener, *France*; Luisa Unger, *Germany*; Helen Robinson, *Great Britain*; Maria Leftaki, *Greece*; Daina Taimina, *Latvia*; Nerute Kligiene, *Lithuania*; Irene Sciriha, *Malta*; Coby Geijssel, *The Netherlands*; Ragni Piene, *Norway*; Magdalena Jaroszewska, *Poland*; Emilia Petrisor, *Romania*; Tatiana Vasilieva, *Russia*; Rosa Maria Mirò Roig, *Spain*; Catarina Rudäl, *Sweden*; Karin Baur, *Switzerland*; Betül Tanbay, *Turkey*; Larissa Fardigola, *Ukraine*.

Rosa Maria Spitaleri was elected to be a new coordinator for Italy. The former coordinator was Barbara Fantechi. Bentaher Rajae was elected to be the regional coordinator in Marocco. Zorica Uzelac has been the coordinator in Yugoslavia but now her region is called Serbia-Montenegro.

It was decided that members present will contact their regional coordinators if she was not present to ask if they are willing to continue. Some of the regional coordinators have not been responding to contact from the EWM.

13. Commissions

13.1. Links with EMS, AWM and the emerging countries

- Link with the European Mathematical Society (EMS): Emilia Mezzetti
- Link with the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM): Colette Guillopé
- Link with Emerging countries: Laura Tedeschini-Lalli

It was decided that the term Third World will be replaced by emerging countries.

In view of a future proposal in the 6th EU framework, the election of women responsible for communication with other European Sciences and Technology associations for women was discussed.

13.2. The Newsletter

Stine Timmermann, Denmark, and Sofie Castella, Denmark, were elected to be the newsletter editors.

13.3. *Proceedings*

Karma Dajani, The Netherlands, and Jennifer von Reis, Finland and USA, were elected to be the proceedings editors.

13.4. *The Webpage*

It was decided that Marjo Lipponen-Salhi, Finland, will continue to be responsible for the webpage.

A link to the French association Femmes et Mathematique was asked to be added.

It was suggested that the electronic presentations (pdf files) of the talks at the 11th meeting be placed on the website.

A template webpage for Regional Coordinators will be created. It was discussed whether or not links to webpages of individual members of EWM should be added to the general EWM website.

13.5. *The e-mail network*

It was decided that Catherine Hobbs will continue to be responsible for the e-mail network.

13.6. *The Funding Committee*

It was decided that Catherine Hobbs (Treasurer) will continue in the Funding Committee and Reidun Twarock, United Kingdom and Zorica Uzelac, Serbia-Montenegro will join as new members.

14. *Proceedings*

The General Assembly left this issue to be decided by the new editors and the Standing Committee.

15. *Choosing time, place and organizing committee for the next meeting*

15.1. *Time and place*

Volgograd, Russia was proposed as the location of the next meeting. It was suggested that the meeting would take place in September 2005.

Michelle Schatzman raised the issue of difficulties obtaining a visa to Russia. She gave a reminder that it is necessary to begin the process of obtaining a visa several months before the meeting. The General Assembly wondered whether the international office at the University of Volgograd could facilitate this task. To put the conference into the framework of an international exchange program might also be of some help.

15.2. *Organizing Committee*

The following persons were chosen to the organizing committee:

Ljudmila Bordag, Sweden, Chair
Inna Yemelyannova, Russia
Tatiana Vassilieva, Russia (Volgograd)
Colette Guillope, France
Laura Fainsilber, Sweden

15.3. *Suggested themes for the next meeting*

- Ill-posed problems
- Non-commutative geometry
- Issues on mathematics teaching in high schools
- Probability, either pure or applied, or Statistics.

It is also possible to organize separate mini-symposia accepted by the organizing committee.

It was decided that all talks should be in English and preferably half of the speakers will be non-Russians.

16. Activities

Future interim activities were left to be discussed on November 7.

17. Closing the General Assembly

Marjo Lipponen-Salhi thanked everyone for attending and declared the General Assembly closed.