

CMSS AGM Minutes  
Tuesday, February 21

Present: Patrick Girard, Jeremy Seligman, Mark Wilson, Piotr Faliszewski, Reyhaneh Reyhani, John Hillas, Jérôme Lang, Matthew Ryan, Edith Elkind, Toby Walsh, Arkadii Slinko

1- Going over the the annual report template.

Mark Wilson led a survey of the new report template and there was a discussion as to what should be included in different sections. Details are to be found in the report itself.

Toby Walsh proposed that the report be used for advertisement of the Centre instead of a mere bureaucratic exercise. Arkadii Slinko followed up on this suggestion and suggested that the report be used when the Centre engages in public activities, such as in a submission to the MMP revision commission.

There was an agreement that the Centre has succeeded in raising its profile, both inside and outside the university, as is witnessed by some inquiries from the private sector for consultation.

Of importance is to find avenues of funding for the Centre. Proposals are to pursue the successful application of the centre to the initial call for proposal from NZIMA. The Centre is intending to apply for a cross-faculty grant again this year, and has elected a new funding officer for 2012.

Mark Wilson raised the issue of taking the Centre to the faculty level, which would provide financial resources and standing in the university. John Hillas asked if the faculty of science was the best option for this. Members have decided to consult with their respective faculties to come up with a creative multi-faculty centre, as an alternative. This is to be followed up during the year.

2- Goals and objectives.

Trying to fund visits from Matthew Jackson, Johan van Benthem and other international researches to participate in the fourth annual workshop to be held next summer.

Logic and Auctions should be amongst the main theme for the Centre in 2012. Patrick Girard and Jeremy Seligman will take the lead on logic, and Matthew Ryan on auctions. One problem raised by Matthew Ryan is that interest in auctions is mostly coming from the University of Canterbury, but Mark Wilson proposed that we try to use utilies offered by the respective universities to have and electronic meeting. One problem raised by Jeremy Seligman and Patrick Girard is that most research done in logic on subjects that relate to research conducted in the centre comes from Europe. But the workshop is meant to give a chance to invite some important researchers from Europe.

3- New nominations for 2012:

Director: Patrick Girard

Publicity/Profile officer: Matthew Ryan

Webmaster and Fund Raising Officer: Mark Wilson

Seminar and Events Organiser: Arkadii Slinko

4- The Centre officially thanked Mark Wilson for his role as director in 2011.