Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 37, University of Liverpool, 30 March 2021

Opening: The meeting took place via Zoom and opened at 1705.

Quorum: The meeting was recognised as quorate, there being present the President, the Secretary, the local organisers of BCTCS 37, and at least ten other members of the BCTCS.

Apologies: No apologies were received.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the Open General Meeting held at BCTCS 36 in Swansea were approved.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

President's report: Barny Martin thanked the Liverpool team for organizing the 2021 meeting, and thanked the (new) BCTCS secretary for his work.

Treasurer's report: No report was received, and the President apologised for the unexpected absence of the Treasurer.

It was noted that the term of office of the Treasurer was in fact ending this year, and that the agenda should have included notice of an election to this post. The Secretary apologised for this omission. As there was no one present in the meeting willing to be nominated on the spot to this role, the President requested and was granted by the meeting to organise the selection of a new Treasurer as an executive action. Subsequent to the meeting, Olga Petrovska (Swansea) expressed interest and a willingnesss to serve in this role, and the Organising Committee duly elected her to this role.

Election of Postgraduate Student Representative: Barny Martin thanked Filippos Pantekis for his contribution over the last year. Michael McKay was nominated by Barnaby Martin and this was seconded by Faron Moller. No other nominations were received, and Michael McKay was duly elected as Postgraduate Student Representative.

Election of Additional Member: Jessica Enright was nominated by Barnaby Martin, Faron seconded the nomination, and Jessica was duly elected as Additional Member to the BCTCS committee.

Report on arrangements for BCTCS 38: Monika Seisenberger and Olga Petrovska presented their plans for organizing the next meeting in Swansea. BCTCS took place in Swansea las year, but due to the pandemic this was held virtually. The organizers are hopeful the event will happen physically next year, in the Computational Foundry building at Swansea University. The complex is nicely placed at the centre of the University campus.

As usual, the event will happen in the week preceding Easter, 11-13 April 2022. This is convenient, as the teaching is over at the time and facilities will be available to host the event.

Theoretical Computer Science at Swansea offers a rich and lively environment, with expertise in Computability, Computational Complexity, Proof Complexity, Verification,

Proof Theory, AI, Education, and many more foundational topics. The organizing committee is likely to benefit from the support of many distinguished colleagues and a number of graduate students. The organizers plan to apply for LMS support, and hopefully also secure funding for student attendance and general sponsorship from local organizations like Technocamps and the Institute of Coding in Wales. Last but not least Swansea and the area are really attractive, sitting on the doorstep of the Gower Peninsula, the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The organizers have no doubt they will complement perfectly the quality of the scientific event. The president welcomed the proposal.

Any other business: Nothing reported.

Closing: The meeting closed at 1745.

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