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Minutes of the ESMTB board meetings

Palermo, October 25, 2019

Present: the complete board (Maíra Aguiar (MA), Ellen Baake (EB; minutes), Luděk Berec (LB), Silvia Cuadrado (SC), Andrea De Gaetano (AdG; chair), Toby Lundh (TL), Bob Planqué (BP), via skype: Anna Marciniak-Czochra (AMC), Susanne Ditlevsen (SD)

Time: 9:30–12:20, 13:30–17:30

- The informal decisions taken via email ballot since the Heidelberg meeting were unanimously approved. The list of informal decisions is attached to the minutes.
- News from JOMB: Helen Byrne has stepped back as editor of the Perspectives Section, Susanne Ditlevsen has been appointed as her successor by the Managing Editors. The role of the Perspectives editor is analogous to that of an associate editor or guest editor. The Perspectives are reviewed and remain under the scientific responsibility of the Managing Editor(s). A self-archived version may appear on the ESMTB website and in the Communications (analogous to a preprint on arXiv).
- The Board discusses in detail the new draft of the Publishing Agreement with Springer and agrees on a number of changes to be made.
- ECMTB 2020:
 - ECMTB 2020 is an ESMTB endeavour financially, but SMB is an equal partner in all scientific issues. SMB may also give out its own prizes, or support plenary speakers. AdG and AMC will draft and circulate a MOU with the University of Heidelberg.
 - We plan for 9 plenary speakers, 1 free afternoon, no special homage. The General Assembly of ESMTB will take place on Thursday afternoon, separate from SMB. We may think of an additional joint meeting with SMB about more scientific issues. In one lunch break, we will provide the opportunity for a meeting with the editors of BMB; and similarly with those of JOMB (provided the Managing Editor(s) support the idea).
 - The previous agreement about the scientific board (1st tier) is in place. AdG will clarify with SMB the structure of scientific committee.

- ECMTB 2022: With 1 abstention, it is decided that an ECMTB conference will be held in Europe in 2022 (despite the possibility of a big international biomathematics convention coming up in the Far East the same year; the latter is not considered a substitute for a more ‘regional’ event in Europe, simply due to the distance). A suitable organiser and location must now be sought. MA will put together a list of minimum requirements for an ECMTB, to be communicated to potential organisers.
- ECMTB 2024: A call will be issued at ECMTB 2020 in Heidelberg.
- thematic groups: SMB has thematic subgroups and suggests to structure ECMTB along these themes. The themes of the SMB subgroups cover around half of the topics present in ESMTB; an extended list should be prepared.
SMB (which has 1500 members) accepts a subgroup on request from at least 50 members; subgroups have at least 30 members and have their own board. In ESMTB, a subgroup in mathematical oncology could serve as a pilot project, so it is suggested that a corresponding subset of members applies for such a thematic group; the proposal should also specify how the group will be structured and organised.
- conference support rules, conference invoicing:
 - ESMTB membership solicited via conference fee: It is decided that, for meetings supported by ESMTB that have a registration fee, each participant gets a free one-year ESMTB membership upon registration. The event organisers are required to transfer to ESMTB 50 EUR for each registered participant to cover the membership fee. BP will redraft the conference support rules accordingly and add further clarifications.
 - administrative support for events: The possibility of registration and payment for conferences via ESMTB’s Wild Apricot system is discussed in the case of conferences supported, but not run, by ESMTB. In this case, a board member has to serve as a formal administrator, in place of the genuine conference organiser. It is discussed whether problems related to payment of value added tax may arise from such a construction. BP will seek professional advice by an international tax consultant. If this problem can be resolved, a pilot project will be done.
- web page issues, emails, newsletter: BP will put together a list of responsibilities and administrative rights for the Board members. Currently, SC takes care of emails.
- financial report: BP delivers the financial report, which is discussed and approved. For ECMTB in Heidelberg, we aim at a marginal profit. A problem with Paypal payment is discussed: 80 percent of membership fees are payed this way, but currently we only have a French account because we are a French society. This is only a temporary solution; it would be desirable to have a German account linked to our French address, which requires an officer at large for handling bank transfers in France.
- prizes:
 - Reinhart Heinrich prize: The prize consists in the opportunity of a plenary talk at ECMTB and coverage of the corresponding expenses. The new procedures are approved as suggested and will be published on the web page. Helen Byrne and Mirjam Kretzschmar are elected as new members in the award committee, and Stefan Schuster is elected as new chair. Both elections are unanimous.
 - Ovide Arino prize: As with the Reinhart Heinrich prize, TL serves as contact person with board. The next step will be to set up the procedures.
- 8ECM in Portoroz (Slovenia), July 2020: We are given the opportunity to hold a society meeting there, but decide against it (too few of the board members will be there, and an even smaller proportion of the ESMTB members; also, a society meeting will take place in Heidelberg 2 months later).
- reciprocal memberships: So far, we have reciprocal memberships with SMB, SFBT etc., but not with EMS, although this would be desirable. SD will find out how this works with other EMS member societies, and work out a suggestion.
- board elections: The next board elections come up in September 2020. Application is open to all active members and will be solicited via a call to all members. EB will take care of the procedure. Candidates attending the ECMTB 2020 will have the opportunity to present themselves during the General Assembly. Those who will not be able to attend the meeting will have their description briefly presented by the Society Board.

E-vote decisions of the ESMTB board, March–July. 2020

- 29.04.19: Given that no one raised objections on the matter, the Board approves by majority the new ESMTB logo (blue butterfly, dark Lorenz). MA will proceed to distribute it in its definitive form.
- 29.04.19: After a brief e-mail discussion, the Board nominates Anna Marciniak (organizer), Maira Aguiar and Torbjorn Lundh as Organizer and ESMTB Principal Scientific Committee Members for ECMTB2020 Heidelberg, to be associated with two Principal Scientific Committee Members from SMB.
- 28.05.19: The ESMTB Board will henceforth use the list of email addresses of European biomathematicians, as it stands and as it will be progressively enriched by further gathering email addresses by consensus or by exploration of publicly accessible sources (public information), in order to send out emails inviting potential interested prospects to adhere to ESMTB initiatives, provided that in each message the option of deleting their names from the aforesaid list is clearly indicated to the prospects.
- 28.06.19: the Board entrusts the president to distribute invitations for joining ESMTB, using the newly prepared email list, the standard yearly rate covering, this time only, the two years 2019 and 2020.
- 16.01.20: The Board decides to grant 1 year of free ESMTB membership to 3-4 poster prize winners of DSABNS 2020 (following a request by MA).
- 26.2.20: The Board decides to grant 1500 Euros each to the workshops 1) The Helsinki summer school on mathematical ecology and evolution 2020 2) Modelling in Ecology and Evolution Meeting, Lausanne, 2020 3) Interdisciplinary workshop on evolution and ecology (IWEE) Bath 2020
- 25.04.20: Unanimous decision taken for “ECMTB in Heidelberg shall be postponed by one year and take place if possible in August/September 2021”
- 07.05.20: In a zoom meeting, it is decided that ESMTB will support this year’s online SMB meeting. MA and TL are designated as contacts. With 2 votes for, 1 vote against, and 5 abstentions,

it is decided to vote in favour of ICIAM signing the MoU concerning the gender equality initiative STEM.

- 20.07.20: In a zoom meeting, we finalised the new version of the contract with Springer; planned the workflow for the elections in October 2020; and Toby reported on the preparations for the SMB eConference.

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