

Minutes Board Meeting of the Simulation Society of Scandinavia (SIMS)

Wednesday 12.00, Oct 31, 2007, Gothenburg, Sweden

Present at the meeting (* - board member):

Peter Fritzon*	Linköping University, Sweden
Erik Dahlquist*	Mälardalen University, Sweden
Esko Juuso*	University of Oulu, Finland
Kaj Juslin*	- not present VTT, Finland
Kim Sørensen*	- <i>not present</i>
Bernt Lie	Telemark University College Porsgrunn, Norway
Jørn Amundsen	- <i>not present</i> Trondheim Institute of Technology
Brian Elmegaard*	- <i>not present</i> Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby
Peter Brunus	

1. Election of a Chairman for the meeting

Esko Juuso was unanimously elected chairperson.

2. Election of a Secretary for the meeting

Erik Dahlqvist was unanimously elected secretary.

3. Opening of the meeting

The chairman Esko Juuso opened the meeting.

4. Approval of the quorum and announcement of the Board meeting

The participants unanimously approved the quorum of the meeting and that the meeting has been announced properly.

5. Approval of the agenda

The Board members unanimously approved the agenda. The Board members unanimously approved that non-members of the board may adjoin the meeting.

6. Approval of the minutes from the previous Board meeting

The Board members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from October 17, 2007, and Sept 2006.

7. Election of a member for approval of the minutes of the Board meeting

Bernt Lie was unanimously elected to check and sign the correctness of the minutes of the board meeting together with the chairperson.

8. Report from each national organization members Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden

- Board meeting by phone conference, Oct 17, 2007. Main topic – arranging the next SIMS conference. Board meeting in Gothenburg, Oct 30, 2007.

- The report from Norwegian Simulation society was given by Bernt Lie. NFA annual meeting in the autumn 2007. IEA modelling and simulation on residential co-generation Oct 24-25 in Oslo.
- A DKSIM report has been given by Brian Elmegaard via email. Three meetings have been held in the board of DKSIM. The main objective has been to decide the future of the Danish association. We have decided to change it to a more informal group without any formal membership and fees. We expect to continue activities, as there is a great interest in simulation and modelling, but it will require that groups form to arrange a given meeting, as nobody really can find the time for doing the required work for organizing DKSIM. This means that DKSIM will no longer have formal organization. Efforts are now made, with the help of Erik Dahlquist, to find interested Danish organizers. Preliminary Tommy Mølbak at Dong Energy will take the task to arrange the SIMS 2008 with the focus on Energy applications. He will come back within a few weeks after discussions with his colleagues.
- A FinSim report was given by Esko Juuso. Esko Juuso with FinSim and the Finnish Society of Automation (FSA) successfully organized SIMS'2006 in Helsinki Sept 27-29, 2006. 45 contributed papers, 6 vendor presentations, 4 tutorials. An exhibition with 6 companies. 74 participants attended the conference. The Finnish Automation Society organized a successful new Automation 07 Seminar in Helsinki March 27-28 and was involved with the Automaatio 07 fair in Helsinki Sept 4-6, 2007. This fair is the number one Automation Event in Baltic Sea region with almost 20.000 visitors. FinSim members had various contributions in these events and FinSim was involved as a division of FSA. FinSim has more than 200 members.
- The report from the Swedish simulation society was given by Peter Fritzson and Erik Dahlquist. Erik: Green Energy conference in Västerås, June 17-20 2007. New Trends in Automation June 17-18, 2007, as part of this. Some 200 participants. Peter: A workshop on model-based product development was organized at Linköping University in February 2007, approx 50 participants. The 2007 SIMS conference was organized by Dag Fritzson, Peter Bunus, Claus Führer, in Gothenburg, Sweden, Oct 30-31. 36 papers submitted, 28 papers accepted. Tutorials: 2, Invited speakers 4. Attendees 41.
- No report from the Icelandic simulation society.

9. Journal Publication Issues Including SIMPRA and SNE

- Brian Elmegaard is area editor at SIMPRA.
- Has this been done? Anne Elster (main responsible) and Jörn Amundsen, and the local committee will select papers from SIMS'2005 for review for a SIMPRA issue, should contact Jürgen Halin, editor-in-chief for SIMPRA. We don't know??
- Has this been done? SNE publication could be offered for the other papers, perhaps an offer for all SIMS papers. Perhaps publish extended abstracts, shorter than conference papers. Table of contents from the conference, and a short description of the conference. Anne Elster will forward this information to Esko Juuso who will forward it to Felix Breitenacker. Esko has not got any information from Anne to forward.

- We should try to get special issues from SIMS for different Journals. Peter Brunus has been in contact with the editor for SIMPRA. There is a plan to have a special issue from SIMS 2008. Erik Dahlquist will talk to Journal of Applied Energy editor Jinyue Yan for next years SIMS on Energy. We will try to get also other Journals involved. Each board member will investigate his contacts.

10. Next SIMS Conference

- 2008 will be organized in Denmark preliminary.

11. Future SIMS Activities

In Sweden a Scientific Conference on Green energy and IT will be organised March 12-13 2008 in Stockholm together with “Energitinget” with some 2500- 3000 participants expected. Arranged by Swedish energy agency and Malardalen University. Webpage is www.sssce2008.info

Also other local activities are planned in the different countries.

12. Next board meeting

The date for the next meeting has to be decided later. Will be a telephone meeting when we know about the situation in Denmark.

13. Any other business

Erik Dahlquist elected as vice representative in Eurosim for SIMS. Esko is as already said representative in Eurosim board and also secretary.

14. Closing of the Board meeting.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are correctly recorded:

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(Esko Juuso, the Chairperson of the meeting)

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Erik Dahlquist, the secretary of the meeting)

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(Bernt Lie, for approval of the minutes of the meeting)