

2014 MMM TC Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2014, 12:00 to 13:30
Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

1. Attendees

Kazuya Asano
Luis Bergh
Didier Theilliol
Morten Hovd
Andreas Kugi
Sangchul Won

2. Approval of the agenda

The proposed agenda is approved as it is.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes are approved as they are.

4. The ongoing IFAC World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, August 24-29, 2014

L. Bergh presented some statistics about the congress:

- 2648 papers were submitted
- 1999 papers were accepted to be presented (75%)
- 570 papers were rejected, 79 papers were withdrawn
- 7117 review reports were received from 4045 reviewers
- 6% of reviewers invited do not give a report
- 12% of the reviewed papers were assessed with differences of more than two points
- Only two papers received an A
- Plagiarism interpretation was difficult
- Our TC 6.2 received 23 papers, 19 accepted and 4 rejected

5. Andreas Kugi is introduced as the new TC 6.2 chair for the next triennium

Andreas Kugi expressed his gratitude for the confidence and also thanked Luis Bergh for his excellent work in the last years.

6. The next IFAC MMM Workshop to be held in Oulu, Finland, in 2015

Since no detailed information was available at that time, Andreas Kugi and Luis Bergh proposed that they will contact Jari Ruuska asking for an update. NOTE: In the meanwhile, the IFAC Workshop on Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing (MMM 2015) was approved by IFAC and will take place in Oulu, Finland from August 25-27, 2015.

7. The IFAC MMM Symposium to be held in Vienna, Austria, in 2016

Andreas Kugi gave a presentation of the progress in organizing the MMM symposium in Vienna in 2016. The symposium was approved by IFAC and the conference webpage <http://www.ifacmmm2016.org/> is online.

8. Free discussion on MMM TC activities and organization

- Andreas Kugi made the proposal that Kazuya ASANO (Japan, JFE Steel Corporation) and Francesco CUZZOLA (Italy, Danieli Automation SpA) serve as TC Vice Chairs for the next triennium. Andreas Kugi also reported that he had checked that both would be willing to

accept the position. This proposal was approved. Since Kazuya Asano and Francesco Cuzzola are both from industry, this also constitutes a strong sign of the importance of industry participation in the MMM TC.

- Andreas Kugi made some suggestions for the future work plan of this TC. Among this are setting up a new homepage, updating the member list, recruiting new members for the TC, setting up a task force for roadmapping, and improving the way information is exchanged (electronic newsletter once a year)

9. Date and place of next TC meeting

The next TC meeting will be held during the MMM Workshop 2015 in Oulu, Finland.