

Minutes EATEL Virtual GA

Flashmeeting, 8 July 2011, 14:00-14:45

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1. Opening

Katherine Maillet

There are many issues to be arranged before the General Assembly at the ECTEL conference (*see last point of the agenda [EH]*). This is why we organized this virtual meeting, in order to inform the members about the progress and to solicit feedback.

Note that the quorum has not been reached, so no decisions can be made during this meeting.

2. Report from the Board

Martin Wolpers

EATEL has been very active in the past year. Apart from the ECTEL 2011, the ECTEL Doctoral Consortium, and the JTEL Summer School, many things happened behind the screens:

- the membership administration has been centralized
- several processes have been formalized, for example the acceptance procedure for SIGs
- we explored added benefits for members (such as a 'house journal'), but without much success thus far
- collaboration has been sought and found with our sister organization, Telearc (in the person of Nicolas Balacheff)
- the Website has undergone a major update

3. Report of the Special Interest Groups

SIG JTEL (Katherine Maillet):

The JTEL Summer School 2011 (May 30 till June 3 in Crete, Greece) was a success. Many participants, very positive feedback. The students were very satisfied with the provided course and indicated that they wanted to further explore the topics presented – in particular issues related to technology and the structuring of a PhD project. The networking aspect was rated positively as well.

The Summer School evaluation results and statistics are available online: http://www.ea-tel.eu/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/JTELSS2011_Evaluation.pdf

The organization of the ECTEL 2011 Doctoral Consortium is on track – the first submission have been

received.

SIG Protel (Martin Wolpers):

This SIG has not been as active as intended. Currently a possible reshaping of this SIG and changes in leadership are discussed. Results will be presented at the upcoming GA at the ECTEL conference.

SIG Roadmapping

No representative present at the meeting.

4. Acceptance of new Special Interest Groups

Hendrik Drachsler from the Open Universiteit Nederland prepared a proposal for a new SIG on Datatel. The goal of this SIG is to stimulate the collection and usage of various datasets for learning analytics and TEL-focused recommender systems. The SIG will also focus on the legal and ethical issues regarding public datasets.

The Datatel SIG is a spin-off of the Datatel Theme Team (in the STELLAR NoE) and the related Datatel Workshop at the Alpine Rendez-Vous 2011.

After a short introduction of the Datatel SIG by Hendrik, the Board indicated that they support the SIG, which would fit very nicely in EATEL. After having requested feedback from the attending members, the Board decided to accept the Datatel SIG. Datatel is given a budget of 500 EUR for travel expenses and other relevant costs.

5. Organization of EC-TEL 2012

Martin Wolpers

The EC-TEL 2011 conference attracted 210 submissions, a sign that EC-TEL is growing – the resulting low acceptance rate also indicates that EC-TEL becomes increasingly competitive. Out of 22 workshop proposals, 11 were accepted.

TEL-related projects are cordially invited to showcase their project results as a poster during the conference.

For EC-TEL 2012 four bids have been received thus far (Corfu, Cyprus, Graz and Saarbrücken). The EC-TEL Advisory Board will review and discuss the bids; a decision will be made before EC-TEL 2011.

6. Board election: secretary and treasurer

At the next General Assembly, there will be board elections. The positions of secretary (currently Eelco Herder) and treasurer (currently Fridolin Wild) will become vacant. Both Eelco and Fridolin are willing to continue serving EATEL in their current positions, but would welcome it if other people are willing to take over. Martin and Katherine expressed their satisfaction with the work done by Eelco and Fridolin and support their candidacies. Eelco will send out a call for additional nominations for secretary and treasurer shortly.

Further, EATEL will elect two new auditors for the period 2011-2012 at the next General Assembly.

7. Any other business

Katherine explained the first steps taken to cross-link our activities with the activities of our sister association Telearc. The Alpine Rendez-Vous 2011 has been supported by both EATEL and Telearc. Other initiatives include the cross-promotion of the Telearc Open Archive, the TEL Dictionary and events organized by either one or both associations.

Katherine: we will more cross-link our activities with Telearc activities. For example, Open Archive, TEL

The next General Assembly will take place during the EC-TEL 2011 Conference in Palermo, Italy (20-23 September). Please vote via Doodle for determining the most suitable time slot.

- 21 September at 18:00 (before the conference reception)
- 22 September at 18:00 (after the EC Keynote)
- 23 September at 16:30 (after the conference)

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