

Event Report

25th EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

Grenoble, France, 4 September 2004

The Twenty-fifth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at Grenoble, France, on September 4, 2004, at 17.30. The Chairman, Professor Philip Willis, was unable to attend the meeting hence Professor Pere Brunet, former Chairman of the Association, chaired the meeting and welcomed the 52 members present.

1. Minutes of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly

The Minutes of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, published in *Computer Graphics Forum*, Vol. 22, No. 4, pp. 798–805 (2003) were approved *unanimously*.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an annual report of the activities of the Association.

3.1. Workshops Board

There are eight Working Groups: Animation, Hardware, Multimedia, Parallel Graphics, Geometry Processing and Geometric Modelling, Rendering, Data Visualization and Virtual Environments. Two new Working Groups were approved in September 2004: Graphics and Cultural Heritage, and Sketch-based User Interfaces and Modelling.

Workshops have been held, or are planned, during 2004 on Rendering, Visualization Symposium (with IEEE TCVG), Point-based Graphics, Parallel Graphics and Visualization, Graphics and Cultural Heritage, Geometry Processing, Virtual Environments, Graphics Hardware (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Computer Animation (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Computer Graphics Education (with ACM SIGGRAPH), Sketch-based Interfaces and Multimedia.

The draft workshops' programme for 2005 includes EuroVis (a new name for the Visualization Symposium), Rendering, Virtual Environments, Graphics Hardware, Geometry

Processing, Computational Aesthetics, Point-based Graphics, and Computer Animation. Other proposals are under discussion with the Workshops Board.

3.2. Publications Board

The Chairman thanked the Editors-in-Chief of the journal, *Computer Graphics Forum*, David Duke and Roberto Scopigno, for their contributions. He reported that the impact factor of the journal is rising.

EG events proceedings are now produced by EG Publishing. Twelve titles have been produced in 2004. The Chairman thanked the Publications Board Chairman, Dieter Feller and his team in Braunschweig and colleagues in ACM SIGGRAPH for putting these arrangements in place.

The EG Digital Library continues to grow. The library includes *Computer Graphics Forum*, conference materials including the proceedings, state-of-the-art reports and tutorial notes and short presentations, together with proceedings of workshops and symposia. Considerable effort has been expended on adding metadata to the contents of the digital library. Downloads from the digital library have increased by 100% (at the time of writing, 1070 downloads per month). Non-members of the Association are able to access the EG DL through agreement with TIB Hannover.

3.3. Operations Board

The Chairman reported that there has been a very welcome increase in the number of ordinary memberships. The number of members is now 681 (a 20% increase). The four top countries are Germany 97, USA 84, France 76 and UK 70. The Association also has 23 Organizational Members and 11 Educational Members. He asked members to encourage their organizations to join the Association.

The Chairman reported that electronic access is the preferred means for accessing the journal; the fraction of members taking print subscriptions has continued to decline.

The electronic voting procedure was used for the second time in the 2004 Executive Committee elections and proved to be very effective.

3.4. On-line Board

The On-line Board is responsible for the provision of online services to members and to other Boards and Chapters. The Chairman reported that the redesigned website is now operational and work to improve the website further is in-hand.

3.5. Professional Board

The Chairman reported that the Association now has nine Chapters and discussions are being held with members in some new countries to explore possibilities for chapter formation. The Professional Board is negotiating the renewal of a number of affiliation agreements with other societies. He also reported the strong cooperation with ACM SIGGRAPH.

3.6. Promotions Board

The Chairman reported the Promotions Board are organizing a celebration of 25 years of Eurographics, which started in the opening session of EUROGRAPHICS 2004 and will end at the close of EUROGRAPHICS 2005. Chapters have been invited to participate in the celebrations through local events.

A successful stand was organized at SIGGRAPH 2004 and the Chairman thanked Andy Day, David Arnold and the students who assisted with the running of the stand.

3.7. Education Board

The Chairman reported that the Education Board, created under the chairmanship of Professor Steve Cunningham, has launched a repository (called CGEMS) of teaching materials and other resources to support the teaching of computer graphics. This is managed by Joaquim Jorge. A workshop on Computer Graphics Education was held in China in June 2004, organized by Zhejiang University and sessions on computer graphics education were organized at EUROGRAPHICS 2004.

3.8. Fellows

Two new Fellows have been elected, Dr Andy Day and Professor Xavier Pueyo.

3.9. EG@25

The Chairman concluded his report with a summary of activities planned for the EG25 celebration. He drew particular attention to the EG@25 website at <http://www.eg.org/eg25>. This incorporates the EG@25 logo which was selected from competition entries. The winning design was contributed by Neil Dodgson (University of Cambridge, UK).

He reported that EUROGRAPHICS has decided to implement an awards programme. The first four awards were pre-

sented in the opening session of the EUROGRAPHICS 2004 conference. The awards cover three different categories.

The Chairman thanked the large number of people in the Association who are contributing to planning of the EG@25 activities.

4. Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the accounts for the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

4.1. Internal Accounts

The internal accounts were first presented. The figures were presented in Swiss Francs (Sfr), although internally the accounts are computed in Euros. The audited accounts have to be presented to the Swiss authorities in Swiss Francs and hence the internal accounts have been presented in Swiss Francs to facilitate comparison. The Treasurer noted that the Executive Committee had decided that in future the audited accounts will be translated to Euros to facilitate the comparison.

These show a surplus of 31K Sfr compared to a budgeted deficit of 52K Sfr. Table 1 reports income and expenditure on the membership account and compares this with the budget for the period, which was agreed by the General Assembly in September 2002.

Notes

- Income was 50K Sfr more than expected and expenditure was 83K Sfr less than expected.
- The Association received income in 2003 from a number of workshops held in 2002.

4.2. Audited Accounts

The Treasurer noted that the Audited Accounts match the internal accounts, though there are some differences arising from the way that various items have to be reported in the audited accounts. The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The Profit and Loss Account for 2003 is shown in Table 2 and the Balance Sheet in Table 3.

For information, Table 4 summarizes the capital and results reported in the audited accounts over recent years.

The Auditor's Report was presented to the General Assembly.

Professor S. Cunningham proposed that the audited accounts be approved, seconded by Professor W. Heidrich. The motion was carried, *unanimously*.

5. Appointment of Auditors

Judy Brown proposed that Audit & Co. SA of Geneva be appointed auditors for the financial year commencing

Table 1: Internal accounts 2003

Income (Sfr.)	Actual	Budget	Difference
Membership fees	110,740.62	91,980	18,760.62
Events	56,848.85	51,100	5,748.85
Publications	4,539.14	0	4,539.14
Royalties	25,665.70	4,380	21,285.70
Bookshop	17,187.11	26,280	-9,092.89
Bank interest	15,186.36	5,840	9,346.36
	230,167.78	179,580	50,587.78
Expenditure			
Executive Board	12,739.91	11,680	1,059.91
Prof. Board	2,510.46	2,920	-409.54
Chapters	3,446.90	4,380	-933.10
Workshop Board	0.00	2,920	-2,920.00
On-line Board	0.00	7,300	-7,300.00
Ops - Secretary	39,221.08	37,960	1,261.08
Ops - Services	46,596.90	45,260	1,336.90
Ops - Treasurer	9,525.06	14,600	-5,074.94
Ops-Taxation	14,248.98	14,600	-351.02
Promotions Brd	10,105.70	11,680	-1,574.30
Education Brd	876.00	7,300	-6,424.00
Publicns Brd			
- CGF	41,084.85	8,760	32,324.85
- Travel	869.46	2,920	-2,050.54
Bookshop	17,140.35	26,280	-9,139.65
Contingency	730.00	4,380	-3,650.00
	199,095.65	232,140	-33,044.35
Surplus/Deficit	31,072.13	-52,560	83,632.13

January 1, 2005. Professor R.J. Hubbold seconded. The motion was carried *unanimously*.

5.1. Estimates for 2004

The Treasurer presented an estimate of income and expenditure for 2004 shown in Table 5. An end of financial year a small surplus is currently predicted, compared to a small deficit envisaged in the budget for 2004. He said that membership fee income and income from royalties and events are expected to be higher than envisaged when the budget was drawn up.

6. Budget and Forward Look

The Treasurer, Werner Hansmann, presented the budget for 2005 and forward look until 2009, shown in Table 6. Figures are KEuros. He explained that the forward look beyond 2005 was provisional. A conservative view of income from membership fees has been taken. Membership is assumed to be flat over the period of the forward look. The forward look shows a nearly balanced budget over the period, assuming constant membership levels and a low level of inflation.

Members posed a number of questions.

Table 2: Profit and loss account (1 January to December 31, 2003) with comparative figures for 2002

Income	2002 Sfr.	2003 Sfr.
Subscription	93,704.32	112,684.11
Repayment on book sales	5,093.29	22,203.30
Bank interest	4,278.51	3,052.25
Short term deposit interests	2,055.25	0.00
Events	22,299.05	57,992.92
Royalties et al.	34,681.03	105,979.82
Exchange diff.	0.00	7,302.40
	162,111.45	309,214.80
Expenditure		
Executive Board	27,409.47	13,048.27
Professional Board	1,650.13	2,120.62
Workshop Board	0.00	0.00
Chapters	418.29	3,533.35
Online Board	6,058.27	47,170.04
Secretariat	86,512.16	38,546.02
Treasurer	9,976.26	18,359.07
Promotion Board	6,079.96	10,992.17
Bkshp. and Publ. Brd.	102,409.60	58,007.14
Contingency	1,528.29	773.70
Exchange difference	1,401.13	0.00
	243,443.56	192,550.38
Result		
Profit or loss for period	-81,332.11	116,664.42

Table 3: Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2003 with comparative figures for 2002

Assets	2002 Sfr.	2003 Sfr.
Cash	2.13	132.79
Banks	494,472.62	592,355.00
Federal withholding tax	2,151.39	938.10
Deposit	754.70	758.95
Account receivable	9,846.73	5,650.50
EG'03 account	15,100.00	11,139.40
	522,327.57	610,974.74
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	81,560.25	53,543.00
Fortune	440,767.32	557,431.74
	522,327.57	610,974.74

1. *Is it reasonable to show membership income of 75K Euros in 2004 and only 68K Euros in 2005 and beyond?* The Treasurer said that he has taken a conservative view. This year the number of ordinary members is comparatively high. He further pointed out that the continuing trend to take the electronic only subscription to Computer Graphics Forum reduces income (though this balanced by reduced expenditure).

Table 4: Capital assets 2000–2003

Sfr.	2000	2001	2002	2003
Capital at year end	451,485.39	522,099.43	440,767.32	557,431.74
Surplus/(Loss)	59,584.31	70,614.04	(81,332.11)	116,664.42

Table 5: Estimates for 2004

(KEuros)	End March	Year End	Budget	Difference
Income				
Membership fees	26	75	66	9
Royalties	18	18	17	1
Events	0	25	22	3
Publications	0	3	0	3
Bookshop	7	18	18	0
Bank interest	2	8	6	2
	53	147	129	18
Expenditure				
Executive Board	0	10	12	-2
Prof. Board	0	3	3	0
Chapters	0	5	4	1
Workshop Board	0	1	1	0
On line Board	0	3	3	0
Ops - Secretary	6	25	22	3
Ops - Services	16	32	31	1
Ops - Treasurer	1	8	8	0
Ops-Taxation	0	2	2	0
Promotions Brd	0	8	8	0
Strategic projects	0	0	0	0
Education	0	2	5	-3
Publicns Brd	6	16	16	0
Bookshop	0	18	18	0
Contingency	0	1	1	0
	29	134	134	0
Surplus/Deficit	24	13	-5	18

2. *What is included in the royalties line?* The Treasurer explained that this includes royalty income from Blackwell Publishers for *Computer Graphics Forum*.
3. *Since events make a surplus, isn't it the case that events are over-priced?* The Treasurer explained that normally the Association only receives an income for non-members attending, and this is the differential between the member and non-member rates. Professor Fellner explained that there is expenditure as well as income associated with events and this is shown in the expenditure lines. Income from events is also used to cover the operational costs of the Association.
4. *I would like to see a decrease in the price of events. How much of the events surplus is from workshops and how much from conferences?* The Treasurer explained that from past experience the split is roughly 50/50 and this is assumed in the Forward Look.

Table 6: Budget for 2005 and forward look

(KEuros)	05	06	07	08	09
Income					
Member fees	68	68	69	68	69
Royalties	19	20	21	22	23
Events	28	29	30	31	31
B'shop and Procs.	18	18	18	18	18
Interest	6	6	6	6	6
	139	141	144	145	147
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	12	13	13	14	15
Prof. Brd.	3	3	3	4	4
W'shps Brd.	2	2	2	2	2
Chapters	5	5	5	5	5
On line Brd.	3	3	3	4	4
Operations					
Secretary	24	25	27	28	29
Services	32	32	32	32	32
Treasurer	8	8	8	9	9
Taxation	6	6	6	6	6
Promotions	8	8	9	9	10
Education	5	5	6	6	6
Publications	17	17	18	19	19
B'shop and Procs.	18	18	18	19	19
Contingency	1	1	1	1	1
	144	146	151	158	161
Surplus/(Deficit)	-5	-5	-7	-13	-14

The budget and Treasurer's report were accepted *unanimously*, proposed by Professor W. Purgathofer, seconded by Dr P. Bono.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his efforts on behalf of the Association.

7. Executive Committee Elections

7.1. Results of the 2004 elections

The Chairman reported the results of the 2004 elections (see Table 7). There were no regional vacancies in these elections.

The Chairman congratulated those who had been elected and thanked those who were not elected for their support of the Association and encouraged them to stand again. Those elected commence their 3-year terms of office on January 1, 2005.

Table 7: Election results

Candidate	Region	Votes	
Cani	5	66	
Chrysantou	7	47	
Coquillart	5	96	Elected
Duke	1	73	Elected
Gotsman	8	31	
Gross	5	86	Elected
Hansmann	2	61	
John	1	48	
Jones	1	24	
Lobo Netto	8	33	
Müller	2	67	Elected
O'Sullivan	1	55	
Scopigno	5	94	Elected
Seidel	2	121	Elected
Szmiray-Kalos	7	36	
Thalmann	5	47	
Torres	6	80	Elected

The composition of the Executive Committee for 2005 will be:

Until December 31, 2005. Cunningham (8), Fellner (2), Pulli (4), Rushmeier (8), Skala (7), Vandoni (5), Willis (1).

Until December 31, 2006. Brunet (6), Chalmers (1), Ertl (2), Jorge (6), van Liere (3), Purgathofer (7), Sillion (5).

Until December 31, 2007. Coquillart (5), Duke (1), Gross (5), Müller (2), Scopigno (5), Seidel (2), Torres (6).

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. The Chairman indicated that the number of regional positions is determined by the number of members of the Association resident in each region.

There will be one regional vacancy in region 4 and two in region 8 in the 2005 elections.

The composition of the electoral regions is:

1. United Kingdom, Ireland.
2. Germany.
3. Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein.
4. Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland.
5. Italy, Switzerland, France, Monaco, Malta.
6. Spain, Portugal, Andorra.
7. Rest of Europe.
8. Rest of the World (non-European).

Table 8: Executive board 2005

Chairman	H.-P. Seidel
Vice-Chairs	R. Scopigno D.A. Duce
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Treasurer	W. Hansmann
Asst. Treasurer	A. Marcos
Education Board	I. Navazo
Executive Board	H.-P. Seidel
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
On-line Board	C. Wüthrich
Workshops Board	H. Müller
Publication Board	D. Fellner
Promotions Board	P. Brunet
Professional Board	N. John
Strategic issues	D.A. Duce

7.2. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee has appointed P. Brunet and D. Fellner.

J. Brown and M.-P. Cani were elected by acclaim to represent the General Assembly.

Professor Duce said that the Executive Board is keen for chapters to have more involvement in the nomination process and urged chapter representatives to talk to the Nominating Committee.

8. Executive Board 2005

The Chairman announced the composition of the Executive Board for 2005 (see Table 8).

9. Annual Conferences

The Chairman announced that the annual event in 2005 will take place in September in Dublin, Ireland and the 2006 event in Vienna, Austria.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during EUROGRAPHICS 2005 in Dublin, Ireland on Thursday, September 1, 2005.

11. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 18.20.