Minutes of the CERME10 General Meeting


The session starts at 16:30.

Chairs of the Session: Viviane Durand-Guerrier (President) and Susanne Prediger (vice-President).

Minute takers: Cristina Sabena and Konstantinos Tatsis

1. Approval of the agenda and requests for any other business

The President presents the proposal of the Agenda and asks if there is something to add to the agenda.

No contribution

2. Approval of the minutes of General Meeting at CERME 9 in Prague

No objections.

3. Transition of the society from UK to France

The President presents the main elements of the transition of ERME society from UK to France, from the first steps in 2007 to current situation (see related slides presentation), that is the creation of the French society on the 23/01/2017.

The President presents the steps that have still to be done (see related slides presentation).

4. President’s report

The President reports on CERME activity and thanks the main actors therein:

- Proceedings of CERME9 and the HAL Archive
- Preparation of CERME10.

The President reports on YERME activity and thanks the main actors therein.

The President reports on the life of the society, on the ERME 20th anniversary book and ERME series, and thanks the main actors therein.
The President reports on the ERME session at ICME13 (July 2017), on the first three ERME Topic Conferences (ETC), on the ERME column in the EMS newsletter, and thanks the main actors therein.

Commemorative moment for Mustafa Alpaslan and Jean-Philippe Drouhard.

5. Election of the president and the members of the ERME Board

Carl Winslow presents the list of ERME Board Members and shows the general structure of the Board, with information on retiring positions, the regional and non-regional Representatives, as well as the young researcher Representatives.

Carl Winslow asks the General Assembly to confirm Jason Cooper until 2019 (he substituted Mustafa Alpasian in 2015).

Then he presents the ballot paper and the rules for voting.

The candidates show up on the stage and are invited to shortly present themselves. The following candidates are present:

- Candidate for Presidency: Susanne Prediger (Germany)
- Candidate for Regional Representative South West Europe: Ghislaine Gueudet (France)
- Candidate for Regional Representative South East Europe: Ivy Kidron (Israel)
- Candidate for Regional Representative Middle Europe: Andreas Eichler (Germany)
- Candidates for Young Researcher Representative: Andrea Maffia (Italy), Angel Mizzi (Germany), Aoibhinn Ni Shuilleabhain (Ireland)

Each participant can give at most one vote for each category.

The voting procedure is carried out.

6. Financial issues

a) Treasurer’s report and Auditors’ report

The treasurer (Markku Hannula) reports on the statement of accounts for the calendar years 2015 and 2016 (see slides).

The treasurer tells that the ERME accounts have not been audited by today, and communicates that the ERME Board suggests a “provisional acceptance” of the general meeting for the treasurer’s work. A reduction of ERME expenses in the period 2015-16 is reported.

A reduction of membership fee is proposed: from 40 to 30 euros (standard membership) and from 20 to 10 euros (student membership).
No questions raised from the floor.

Tommy Dreyfus suggests that the assembly accepts the treasurer’s reports and Ivy Kidron supports this proposal. No one from the floor is against this proposal, which is accepted.

b) Nomination of Auditors for 2017-19

Rita Borromeo-Ferri and Francesca Morselli are nominated auditors for 2017-19.

No objections from the floor.

c) Report about financial support for non-affluent countries

Edyta Nowinska presents the Graham Littler Funding for financial support (see slides).

Since ERME financial resources are good, there will be extra-support to next YESS summer school.

No questions from the floor.

7. Report on YERME activities

Jason Cooper presents the report on YERME activities and thanks the main actors therein:

- YESS-8 2016 in Podebrady, Czech Republic
- YERME Day 2017 in Dublin, Ireland.

8. Outlook on CERME 11

Susanne Prediger gives information about the organization of the CERME 11 Conference: it will take place in the Freudenthal Institute in Utrecht, the Netherlands and announces the IPC chair: Uffe Jankvist.

9. Report on first ERME Topic Conferences

Susanne Prediger gives information about the functioning of ERME Topic Conferences (ETC) and reports on the first three ETCs.

The call for next ECT in 2018 is announced on the website: deadline March, 31, 2017.

10. New ERME book series

Susanne Prediger reports on the ERME Book Series (Routledge), with the provisional title “New Perspectives on Research in Mathematics Education – ERME Series”; she then presents the aims and scope of the Series, as well as the Editorial Board and the International Advisory Board.

11. Results of the elections the new ERME Board Members
Carl Winslow presents the results of the elections:

- For Presidency: Susanne Prediger (Germany)
- For Regional Representative South West Europe: Ghislaine Gueudet (France)
- For Regional Representative South East Europe: Ivy Kidron (Israel)
- For Regional Representative Middle Europe: Andreas Eichler (Germany)
- For Young Researcher Representative: Andrea Maffia (Italy)

Carl Winslow asks the General Assembly to accept the same Board for the new society (French society with the same name).

No objection from the floor.

12. Vote of thanks to retiring ERME Board members

Viviane Durand-Guerrier thanks the retired Board Members: Markku Hannula (Board Member and treasurer), Susanne Prediger (Vice-President), Joao Pedro da Ponte (Board Member and responsible for YERME activity in the Board) and Susanne Schnell (YERME Representative).

Susanne Prediger thanks Viviane Durand-Guerrier for being President for the last 4 years.

13. Any other business

The floor is asked about any other business to discuss.

Irene Biza from the UK reports about problems of students that could not obtain the visa for attending the YESS. She wonders if ERME has a way to support these people to have access to the visa more easily.

Susanne Prediger reports on recent situations and what has been done to fix problems. She reports that there were 8 people that could not come to CERME10 due to visa problems and says that ERME will do anything possible to support them.

Maurice OReilly asks if ERME could express a message of solidarity for the colleagues that had difficulties in coming at the conference due to visa problems.

Susanne Prediger asks for the support of the General Meeting. The Assembly expresses agreement.

Susanne Prediger as the new elected President closes the General Meeting.
Results of the elections
Welcome to the General Meeting of ERME

European Society of Research in Mathematics Education

CERME 10, Dublin
Thursday, February 2, 2017
16.30-18.00
1. Approval of the agenda and requests for any other business (VDG)
2. Approval of the minutes of General Meeting at CERME 9 in Prague (VDG)
3. Transition of the society from UK to France (VDG)
4. President’s report (VDG)
5. Election of the president and the members of the ERME Board (Carl Winslow)
6. Financial issues
   a) Treasurer’s report (Markku Hannula)
   b) Report about financial support for non-affluent countries (Edyta Nowinska)
7. Report on YERME activities (Jason Cooper and Konstantinos Tatsis)
8. Outlook on CERME 11 (Susanne Prediger)
9. Report on first ERME Topic Conferences (Susanne Prediger)
10. New ERME book series (Susanne Prediger)
11. Results of the elections the new ERME Board Members (Carl Winslow)
12. Any other business (VDG, SP)
1. and 2. approvals

- Approval of the agenda and requests for any other business

- Approval of the minutes of General Meeting at CERME 9 in Prague
Transition of the society from UK to France

History

• 25/2/2007: Decision of creation of the society in accordance with the laws of the United Kingdom – vote of the constitution.

• 02/2013: Difficulties for managing the bank account with the UK society because not member of UK is in the board 2013-2015 Unsuccessful exploration of possibilities to overcome this difficulty while remaining in UK

• 07/02/2015: Approbation of the GM in Prague to investigate the transition of the society to France.

• 2016: Preparation of a bilingual version of the statuts for the new society remaining as near as possible of those of the UK society.
Transition of the society from UK to France

Where we are

- 29/07/2016- Extraordinary General meeting in Hamburg- Decision of creating a French Society under the law of 1901.
- 09/2016-Agreement by the Board of the Institut Henri Poincaré (Paris) for hosting ERME.
- 10/2016 -The bank in Paris who accept to host the french society finally decline.
- 11/2016 - A new bank, in the area of Lyon, with a strong focus on society and relevant facilities, accepts to host ERME.
- 11/2016 – First attempt to create the society – rejected for formal reason
- 23/01/2017 – Creation of the French society.
Transition of the society from UK to France

What to do now

• Publication in the “Journal officiel”
• Finalisation of the creation of the bank account
• Dissolution of the UK society and Transfer of the funds to the ERME French society in accordance with article 10 of the constitution:
  • **Dissolution**
    In the event that the Society is dissolved or merged, the Trustees will remain in office and be responsible for the winding up of the affairs of the Charity. Any assets remaining, after discharge of all debts, shall be transferred to a legal body having aims similar to those of the Society. The Trustees must notify the Commission promptly should the Charity be dissolved and final accounts sent to the Commissioners.
Activities with CERMEs

**Proceedings of CERME9**
- Thanks to Konrad Krainer and Naďa Vondrová for their huge work for preparing the proceedings and putting them on the HAL Archiv platform where the CERME proceedings will be posted from now.

**Preparation of CERME 10**
- Thanks to Ghislaine Gueudet (IPC chair) & Therese Dooley (local chair), for their huge work and the very efficient collaboration.

Activities with YERME
- Thanks to João Pedro da Ponte, Susanne Schnell, Jason Cooper and Konstantinos Tatsis for their work in the YERME activities.
- thanks to the local chair of YESS 8 Naďa Vondrová and the scientific coordinator Paolo Boero for YESS 8 and for the previous ones.
- Thanks to Siun NhicMhuiri and Aisling Twohill, local organisers of the YERME day 2017.
- Thanks to the multiple experts for YESS 8 and the YERME day 2017.
President’s report – Viviane Durand-Guerrier

Life of the society

Thanks to

• Susanne Prediger (vice president),
• Carl Winslow (secretary),
• Markku Hannula (treasurer),
• and all the board members for their work and their support.
• Susanne Prediger and Christian Büscher for the ERME website

ERME 20th anniversary book and ERME series

Thanks to

• Tommy Dreyfus, Susanne Prediger and all the editors of the ERME book
• Susanne Prediger for the introduction of the ERME series in Routledge.
President’s report – Viviane Durand-Guerrier

ERME at ICME 13

Thanks to
• Cristina Sabena and Susanne Schnell for coordinating ERME presentations during ICME 13
• All the contributors of the two sessions

ERME Topic Conferences (ETC)

Thanks to the chairs of the three ETC:
• Stefan Zehetmeier, Marianna Bosch, Elena Nardi & Carl Winslow

ERME column in the EMS newsletter
• Thanks to all the contributors of the ERME column in the EMS newsletter
Commemoration

Mustafa ALPASIAN

Elected as representative of Young Researchers in the ERME board in February 2015
Passed away with his wife Zișan in a car accident on July 31th 2015.

Jean-Philippe DROUHARD

1st ERME President 1997-2001
Passed away suddenly during a conference on December 15th 2015 at the age of 59.
Elections of president and members of the ERME Board

Retiring president of ERME:
• 2009-2019 Viviane Durand Guerrier (France) President

Retiring members of the ERME board:
• 2011-2017 Susanne Prediger (Germany)
• 2011-2017 Markku Hannula (Finland) Treasurer
• 2011-2017 João Pedro da Ponte (Portugal)
• 2013-2017 Susanne Schnell (Germany) Representative of YERME

Deceased board member
• 2015-2015 Mustafa Alpaslan (Turkey)

Continuing members of the ERME Board
• 2013-2019 Cristina Sabena (Italy)
• 2013-2019 Therese Dooley (Ireland)
• 2013-2019 Carl Winslow (Denmark)
• 2015-2021 Edyta Nowinska (Poland)
• 2015-2021 Konstantinos Tatsis (Greece)
Elections of members of the ERME Board 2017

(max. 1 cross in each category)

President:
- Susanne Prediger (Germany)

Regional Representative South West Europe:
- Ghislaine Gueudet (France)

Regional Representative South East Europe:
- Ivy Kidron (Israel)

Regional Representative Middle Europe:
- Andreas Eichler (Germany)

YERME representative:
- Andrea Maffia (Italy)
- Angel Mizzi (Germany)
- Aoibhinn Ni Shuilleabhain (Ireland)

First: election for the UK society, then: joint approval for the new French society
This report relates to the statement of accounts for the calendar years 2015 and 2016 (see the statement at the end of this report).

The current ERME board has not had a member from the UK – a situation that has been a problem already since 2013.

This has caused problems, because ERME accounts have been in the UK. I wish to thank the earlier ERME treasurer Janet Ainley for help in managing the UK accounts.

Because of the account situation, we had asked the CERME 9 organizers to keep the ERME money in hold in their accounts.

I thank Nadá Vondrová for her good collaboration in managing the ERME money in Prague.

The consequence of this is that a large part of EMRE money is now in Czech korunas and the amounts in British sterling are calculated according to the exchange rate at the end of 2016.
Financial issues – Treasurer’s report of Markku Hannula

- ERME income for this financial period has come almost exclusively from the members. CERME 9 was financially very successful, and in addition to membership fees, and Graham Littler Fund donations, the conference surplus was significant.
- Our income for 2015-2016 was over £ 18 000 larger than two years earlier.
- ERME expenditure 2015-2016 was about one thousand pounds less than during the previous financial period.
- The main expenditures were Graham Littler grants and YESS and YERME expenses. There was also some expenses for ERME board for their accommodation for the board meeting.
- The overall balance for the two year period is over £ 22 000 on the positive and the end balance at the end of 2016 is £ 41 639.98.
- This money is almost evenly distributed between our UK accounts and Prague.
## Financial issues – Treasurer’s report of Markku Hannula

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<td>£ 11 972.99</td>
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<td>Graham littler fund donations</td>
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<td>£ 15 793.39</td>
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**Closing Balance on 31.12.16**  £ 41 639.98  (48 634)

The society has four accounts at the moment and their respective closing balances are:
- Community Account in the Co-operative Bank (UK) £ 16 465.36 (19 231 €)
- Business Account in the Co-operative Bank (UK) £ 6 424.475 (7 504 €)
- CERME 9 account in Prague CZK 591 074.00 (21 875 €)
- Cash account 40 €
Financial issues – Treasurer’s report of Markku Hannula

• Unfortunately the ERME accounts have not been audited by today. I was not able to provide the ERME account details in time to the ERME auditors Tim Rowland and Rita Borromeo Ferri and they have not had enough time to go through the documentation.

• The ERME Board, with the agreement of the auditors, suggests a “provisional acceptance” of the general meeting for the treasurer’s work.

• **The ERME board asks the general meeting to decide the following**
  
  • accept the treasurer’s report today, subject to a satisfactory auditors’ report
  
  • the ERME board will inform the membership about the auditors’ acceptance of the treasurer’s report on the website (members may ask for viewing the complete auditor’s report)
  
  • reduce the membership fees from the current 40€ (20€ for students) to 30€ (10€ for students).
  
  • ERME board suggests that UK ERME assets be given to the new ERME in France.
Financial issues

Nomination of new auditors 2019:

- Rita Borromeo Ferri
- Francesca Morselli

We ask the general meeting to elect these two auditors
Graham Littler Funding for financial support

Aim: support academics in attending CERME conferences from underrepresented or non-affluent countries (:= less than 85 % of EU average GDP)

Applications for support considered (order of preference):

1. from under-represented, non-affluent European countries (East and Central Europe);
2. from under-represented, non-affluent neighbouring countries to Europe (e.g. Algeria, Egypt);
3. from under-represented countries working in an affluent European country without full-time position (e.g. PhD-student from Pakistan working in the Netherlands)
4. from other European countries (e.g. PhD-students from Spain, Italy).

Strict deadline for application: September, 15
Applications for Graham Littler funding:

- 65 applicants in sum
- thereof 13 non-eligible (non-neighbour countries, too rich countries, master students ...)
- 52 eligible for funding (4 of decided not to participate in CERME10)
  - 4 applicants from very poor countries (GDP less than 20% of EU average)
  - 11 regular applicants, PhD-students (GDP between 20 and 50% of EU average)
  - 9 regular applicants, above PhD (GDP between 20 and 50% of EU average)
  - 28 with limited support (GDP between 50% and 100% of EU average)

Sum of grants: **22 100 €**

Source of funding:

- conference fee includes 15 € for fund (thank you for your solidarity!)
- ERME finances

Welcome to CERME 10!

Enriching a diverse picture of Europe and its neighbours!
Report on YERME activities – Jason Cooper & Konstantinos Tatsis

YESS-8 2016 in Poděbrady, Czech Republic (68 participants in 6 Working Groups)

Thanks to

- the LOC for an excellent organization: Local Chair Naďa Vondrová
- to the six experts: Tim Rowland, Naďa Vondrová, Viviane Durand-Guerrier, Dani Ben Zvi, Tommy Dreyfus, Angelika Bikner-Ahsbahs
- and to Paolo Boero for his constant support in eight Summer Schools!

YERME Day 2017 in Dublin, Ireland
(80 participants; 3 Working Groups, 3 Discussion Groups)

- Thanks to the local organizers: Siún NicMhuirí, Aisling Twohill
- and to all experts: John Mason, Angelika Bikner-Ahsbahs, Uffe Thomas Jankvist & Mario Sánchez Aguilar, Esther Levenson, Birgit Pepin, Paolo Boero
- Many thanks to João Pedro da Ponte for his ongoing support of YERME activities
- and to Susanne Schnell for her hard work on the ERME board these past 4 years.

YERME Website http://www.erme.tu-dortmund.de/index.php?slab=yerme

Contact us!
Outlook on CERME 11 – Utrecht, The Netherlands

February, 5-10, 2019

Local Chair: Marja van den Heuvel Panhuizen

Local Co-Chair: Michiel Veldhuis

IPC Chair: Uffe Thomas Jankvist
ERME Topic Conferences - ETC

• Conferences organised on a specific research theme or themes related to the work of ERME as presented in associated working groups at CERME conferences, taking place during the year in which CERME does not meet.

• Their aim is to extend the work of the group or groups in specific directions with clear value to the mathematics education research community.

• Preparation following a procedure similar to the preparation of the TWG at CERME, using similar guidelines, with possible adaptations.

• An expected product is a set of refereed proceedings, under the name of ERME (available online, in print or both) that contributes to the advancement of knowledge in our field.

• The ETC must have an Organizing Committee (OC) that includes at least two CERME TWG leaders (or co-leaders, if the leader agrees) and an International Program Committee (IPC), representing at least 5 European countries (to ensure a minimum of diversity)
First three ERME Topic Conferences

  Marianna Bosch, F. Javier García, John Monaghan, and Carl Winsløw

- **ETC 2: INDRUM – Second ERME Topic Conference on University Mathematics Education** in Montpellier, March 31 - April 2, 2016
  Viviane Durand-Guerrier, Elena Nardi, Carl Winsløw

  Stefan Zehetmeier, Miguel Ribeiro, Despina Potari, Bettina Rösken-Winter
Next ERME Topic Conferences 2018

- Next ERME Topic Conferences in 2018
- Open for all TWGs by application
- Call for proposals online, Deadline March, 31, 2017
• **Title:** New Perspectives on Research in Mathematics Education - ERME series

• **Aims and Scope:**
  
  • document growing body of substantial research on mathematics education shaped by the ERME spirit of communication, cooperation, and collaboration
  
  • understand and improve learning and teaching of mathematics at schools, colleges and universities, as well as in informal settings
  
  • monographs or collections growing out of the collaboration of European researchers in mathematics education (also with Non-European researchers). e.g. post-conference publications of selected contributions to European Topic Conferences or research in EU-funded projects

• **Editorial Board** of the ERME series:  
  Viviane Durand-Guerrier, Konrad Krainer, Susanne Prediger, Naďa Vondrová

• **International Advisory Board:**
  Marcelo Borba (Brazil), Fou-Lai Lin (Taiwan), Merrilyn Goos (Australia), Barbara Jaworski (UK), Chris Rasmussen (US), Anna Sierpinska (Canada)
ERME Book Series  (Routledge)

- **Publisher:** Routledge (Taylor & Francis)
- **Planned first volumes:**
  - **Volume 1:** Tommy Dreyfus, Michèle Artigue, Despina Potari, Susanne Prediger, & Ken Ruthven (Editors, End of 2017/18): Development of European Research in Mathematics Education Twenty Years of Communication, Cooperation and Collaboration.
  - **Volume 2:** Marianna Bosch, Yves Chevallard, Francisco Javier García, John Monaghan (Editors, 2018/19): Research in ATD and the paradigm of questioning the world
  - **Volume 3:** Stefan Zehetmeier, Miguel Ribeiro, Despina Potari and Bettina Rösken-Winter (Editors, 2018/19): Mathematics Teaching, Resources and Teacher Professional Development.
- **Invitation to contribute:**
  For proposing further volumes, please talk to the series editors Viviane Durand-Guerrier, Konrad Krainer, Susanne Prediger, Naď’a Vondrová
Results of the elections of members of the ERME 2017

President:
• Susanne Prediger (Germany)

Regional Representative South West Europe:
• Ghislaine Gueudet (France)

Regional Representative South East Europe:
• Ivy Kidron (Israel)

Regional Representative Middle Europe:
• Andreas Eichler (Germany)

YERME representative:
☑ Andrea Maffia (Italy)
Confirm the same ERME board for the new French society

(continuingmembers of the ERME Board)

- 2017-2023 Susanne Prediger (Germany) President
- 2013-2019 Cristina Sabena (Italy) Non-regional Representative
- 2013-2019 Therese Dooley (Ireland) Regional Representative West
- 2013-2019 Carl Winsløw (Denmark) Regional Representative North
- 2015-2019 Jason Cooper (Israel) YERME Representative
- 2015-2021 Edyta Nowinska (Poland) Regional Representative East
- 2015-2021 Konstantinos Tatsis (Greece) Non-Regional Representative

(new ERME board members)

- 2017-2023 Ghislaine Gueudet (France) Regional Representative South West
- 2017-2023 Ivy Kidron (Israel) Regional Representative South East
- 2017-2023 Andreas Eichler (Germany) Regional Representative Middle
- 2017-2021 YERME representative

First: election for the UK society, then: joint approval for the new French society
Thank you to the retiring board members:

- 2011-2017 Markku Hannula (Finland) Treasurer
- 2011-2017 Susanne Prediger (Germany) Vice-President
- 2011-2017 João Pedro da Ponte (Portugal)
- 2013-2017 Susanne Schnell (Germany) Representative of YERME

Thank you to the retiring president