SIAG/GS Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 20, 2013, 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
University of Padova, Centro Congressi Padova, Ground Level, Luciani A Room
Padova, Italy

Todd Arbogast, the chair of SIAG/GS, started the meeting by showing several slides on the state of the GS group. Two important points were made:
- the number of attendees for the SIAM GS conferences is rapidly increasing (525 at GS13).
- there has been a recent loss of student memberships.

Too many parallel sessions:
There was a common agreement that there were too many parallel sessions (9 at GS 13).
A discussion followed on how to help reduce the number of parallel sessions to 6 or 7 while keeping the conference open to potential speakers. Todd proposed the following options:
-reduce the length of talks to 20mn total (17mn talk + 3mn questions) for all minisymposia and contributed talks.
-add one day to the conference; this will have the consequence of increasing the registration cost.

GS 13 enforced the SIAM rule of "one talk per person", and it was suggested that GS 15 should do the same, as well as enforcing the other SIAM rule of "two sessions per minisymposium".

People agreed on the fact that the poster session should be better promoted, but not everyone agreed on the idea of convincing potential speakers to give posters instead of talks. Posters are not substitutes for talks for many researchers.

It was suggested to ask minisymposium organizers to merge their sessions if there were similar, however this approach was difficult to enforce, according to the organizers of GS13.

GS15:
It was announced that the co-chairs of GS15 are: Knut-Andreas Lie and Iulin Sorin Pop. The conference will take place in the USA. Locations suggested by members during the meeting were: Houston, or somewhere else in Texas, somewhere on the East Coast close to a major airport, Stanford University. The last location, Stanford University, was given by Margot Gerritsen. She proposes to fund a small meeting on Stanford campus, but there cannot be 9 or 10 parallel sessions. If GS15 is not organized at Stanford, a more focused meeting on massive data will be put together in 2014.

A survey will be sent to SIAG/GS members for feedback on the issue of many parallel sessions and the location of GS15.

GS17:
Peter Knabner suggested Erlangen, Germany for a possible location for GS17.

GS19:

Having GS19 be a satellite of IACM 2019, which takes place in Valencia, Spain, was discussed. GS would be in the US or Europe twice in a row if this is decided and approved by ICIAM 2019 committee

SIAM Annual 2014:
There is a GS track at the SIAM Annual 2014, to be held in Chicago, July 7-11. Members should contact Malgosia Peszynksa if they are interested in organizing minisymposia.

SIAM News:
Members are invited to submit stories to be published in SIAM News.

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