

Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes

INFORMS Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC
November 13, 2011

In attendance: 30 INFORMS Section on MCDM members, and about 10 non-members

The Business Meeting started with introductory remarks by the President, Murat Köksalan, who then introduced the other current officers of the section: Jyrki Wallenius and Esmá Gel. Murat quickly went over the objectives of the section and encouraged active involvement of members. He mentioned that the Section currently has an enrollment of 192 members as of November 2, 2011, and indicated his hope to increase membership further, by having current members encouraging others to join. The officers reminded the members to renew their section memberships through the INFORMS channels.

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The discussion made in the electronic list of the MCDM Section about the underrepresentation of MCDM in the INFORMS journals, especially in Operations Research and Management Science, was reiterated. It was agreed to approach the related individuals in the editorial boards of these journals and discuss the situation.

As future activities, the group discussed organizing another big MCDM cluster and two tutorials for the 2012 INFORMS conference in Phoenix, and publishing special MCDM issues in highly ranked journals. It has been agreed that Jyrki Wallenius will be the MCDM Cluster Chair for the 2012 INFORMS conference. This information will be communicated to INFORMS soon. We also discussed the possibility of establishing an MCDM award. One of the challenging issues is raising funds for various activities such as the award.

The flyer prepared to publicize the Section was distributed during the meeting. Murat thanked Johannes Siebert (from Universität Bayreuth, Germany) for preparing the flyer again this year.

Murat announced the elected officers for the year 2011 as

President:	Jyrki Wallenius (President-elect from last year)
Vice President:	Ralph E. Steuer
Secretary/Treasurer:	Gilberto Montibeller

The board members are Stan Zionts (on second year of 3-year term), Jim Dyer (on second year of 3-year term), Harold Benson (on second year of 2-year term), Hannele Wallenius (on second year of 2-year term), Theodor Stewart and Margaret Wiecek (new board members for 3-year terms).

Murat presented the financial statement for the Section, and the group briefly discussed financial outlook for the section, and activities to raise funds for various events such as a paper competition, reception and ensuring that membership dues are kept to a minimum.

The group discussed the possibility of initiating a campaign to increase the membership. One of the suggestions was to have each member get at least one more member to the Section. The Officers have agreed to work on similar ideas to increase membership.

The slides used in the meeting are available from the Section's web site (<http://www.informs.org/Community/MCDM>). Please contact the officers for comments, suggestions and concerns about the Section.

President
Murat Koksalan

Vice President
Jyrki Wallenius

Secretary/Treasurer
Esma Gel