

**Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes
INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 15, 2012**

In attendance: about 40 INFORMS Section on MCDM members, and about 15 non-members

The Business Meeting started with an introduction by the President, Jyrki Wallenius, who then presented the other current officers of the section: Ralph E. Steuer (VP) and Gilberto Montibeller (Treasurer/Secretary).

The President presented succinctly the section and encouraged active involvement of members. He mentioned that the Section currently has an enrolment of 214 members (plus 60 inactive members) of which 43 student members, and indicated his aim to increase membership further, and the importance of attracting new people to the field, by having current members encouraging others to join.

The membership is open to anyone interested in MCDM. To become a member or to renew your membership for 2013, visit <https://online.informs.org/informssa/>. The dues for 2013 are \$5 for INFORMS members and \$7 for others. You can be a Section member without being an INFORMS member. Officers need to be INFORMS members.

If you wish to become a member of the MCDM Section only (without becoming a member of INFORMS) fill out the forms and select “Community Only Member” when you are asked the membership type.

The MCDM Section in the Phoenix conference had a *Sponsored Cluster*, with 18 sessions, including 63 talks (starting Sunday morning, ending Wednesday afternoon).

The section also organized two *Tutorials*, on “Multiple Criteria Decision Making: Foundations and Some Approaches” by M. Köksalan and J. Wallenius (Sunday, October 14th); and on “Evolutionary Multi-Objective algorithms” by K. Deb (Sunday, October 14th).

The ballot results from the online voting were announced by the President:

- VP (2013): Pekka Korhonen, Aalto University, Finland
 - President for 2014 (to succeed Ralph Steuer)
- Board members (3-year terms):
 - Matthias Ehrgott, University of Auckland, New Zealand
 - Roman Slowinski, Poznan University of Technology, Poland
- Treasurer/Secretary: Gilberto Montibeller, London School of Economics (extended for 2013)

They received a “welcome on board, congratulations!” from the President.

The discussion made in the previous Informs conference, during the MCDM Section meeting, about the underrepresentation of MCDM in the INFORMS journals, especially in Operations Research and Management Science, was reiterated.

As future activities, the group discussed organizing another large MCDM cluster and some tutorials for the 2013 INFORMS conference in Minneapolis, MN (October 06-09 2013). The cluster chair is being decided and this information will be communicated to INFORMS soon.

We also discussed the possibility of establishing an MCDM student award in 2013, as a means of attracting young researchers to the field.

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

The board members are: Harold Benson, James Dyer, Murat Köksalan, Theo Stewart, Hannele Wallenius, and Margaret Wiecek. At the end of this year, Harold and Hannele will be stepping down. They will be replaced by Matthias and Roman. Jyrki will continue as ex officio board member for 2013 as Past President.

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.

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