

## **Section on Multiple Criteria Decision Making Business Meeting Notes INFORMS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 9, 2014**

In attendance: 35 INFORMS Section on MCDM members, and about 10 non-members

The Business Meeting started with an introduction by the President, Pekka Korhonen, who then presented the other current officers of the section: Matthias Ehrgott (VP) and Johannes Siebert (Treasurer/Secretary).

The President presented succinctly the section and encouraged active involvement of members. He 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/informsssa/>. The dues for 2015 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 San Francisco conference had a *Sponsored Cluster*, with 12 sessions, including 36 talks (starting Sunday morning, ending Tuesday afternoon). Furthermore, Matthias Ehrgott presented a tutorial on “*Exact Methods for Multi-Objective Combinatorial Optimization*”.

Pekka Korhonen and Matthias Ehrgott described the election process. They point out that this year beside two regular board members serving two years also one board member serving one year can be elected. The candidate with the third most votes will be elected for one year.

The board member are:

Roman Slowinski, Luiz Gomes, Danielle Morais, Theodor Stewart, and Margaret Wiecek. At the end of the year Theo and Margaret will be stepping down. They will be replaced by two new elected board members. Pekka Korhonen will continue as ex officio board member for 2015 as Past President.

Pekka Korhonen reported that the Section is financially in good shape.

Matthias Ehrgott volunteered to organize the MCDM-stream at the next Annual Meeting.

Several conferences and other issues of interest for the members were announced.

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