

Minutes of ERME General Meeting 2023

Thursday, July 13, 2023, 11:30-13.00 held at ELTE U., Budapest, Hungary

Meeting led by ERME President, Carl Winslow

Minutes taken by: Zelha Tunç-Pekkan

1. Welcome, approval of the agenda, and requests for any other business.

No objections, so moving on.

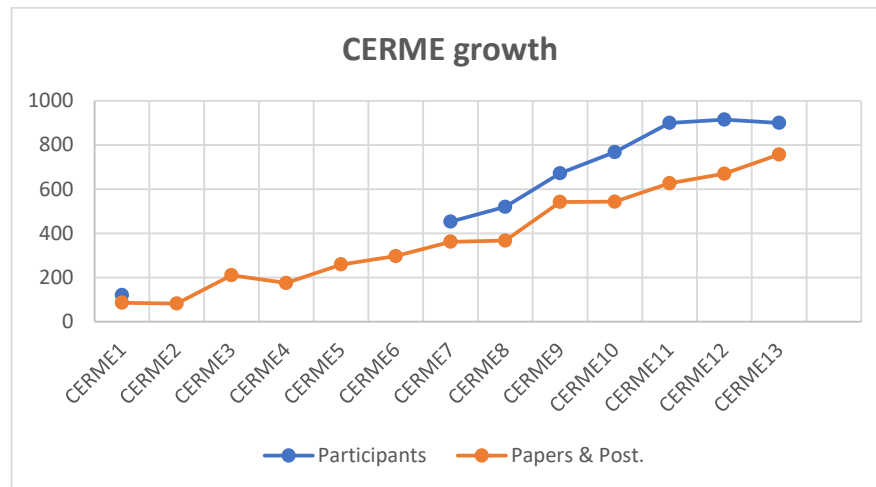
2. Approval of minutes, General Meeting at the pre-CERME12 event

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3. President presented his report.

Thanks to the board members, especially those who are leaving- Ghislaine Gueudet, Andreas Eichler, Dorota Lembrér. Katalin Gosztonyi introduced the gifts for them.
Summary of what happened since 2021:

- **2021:** Pre-CERME12 virtual event, hosted by UCL London – ca. 1400 participants!
 - General meeting: new board members elected (Frode Rønning, Eirini Geraniou, Zelha Tunç-Pekkan, Dilan Şahin-Gür (YR)), and new president (Carl Winslow, succeeding Susanne Prediger)
 - YESS11 in Brixen, August 23-28
 - CERME12 had been postponed to Feb. 2022, but in December 2021, it was decided to hold it online due to persisting CoVid threat
- **2022:** CERME12 was held virtually with 915 participants (48 nations)
 - Immense thanks due to the IPC (led by J. Hodgen and E. Geraniou) and the LOC (led by G. Bolondi and F. Ferretti), working since 2019...
 - CERME13 was postponed to July 2023 (now) – 950 participants (54 nations)
 - YESS12 (summer school) held in Linz, Austria, August 22-27
 - ERME Topic Conferences on Math. In Digital Age (Sept.), Language in the Math. Classroom (Sept.) and University Math. Ed. (October)
- CERME has been growing ever since the first congress in 1998, and it has become ever more difficult to meet the interest to participate and contribute. The growth was illustrated by the following figure, to argue that action is needed to keep CERME sustainable with a reasonable balance between inclusivity and quality:



Solutions proposed by IPC of CERME14 and modified by the board

- To be further discussed after the elections (“From CERME13 to ...”)
- **June 2021:** with special assistance from the UCL team (esp. Kit Logan) ERME got its own webspace: **erme.site** ... to which the ERME website migrated from the former TU Dortmund host (managed by S. Prediger)
 - The site offers both a continuous news stream and archives of proceedings, bye-laws and other essential ERME documents and activities
- **September 2022:** with special assistance from Thomas Hausberger (U. Montpellier) the ERME email list moved to Montpellier Sympa server from its former Google host (managed by A. Maffia)
 - Current number of subscribers: 2252
 - To sign up: send an empty message to sympa@umontpellier.fr with the following text in the subject line: “subscribe erme-group My Name” (replacing My Name with your first and last name).
 - Similarly for the new yerme-group (for young researchers)
- **YERME Facebook group and yerme-group mail-list**
- CERME congresses since 1998 – 14th in Bolzano (Feb. 4-8, 2025)
 - Backbone: the 29 TWGs, a continuously evolving set of specialised groups of researchers
 - An immense success which must be nurtured and maintained (later point: how to balance quantity, quality and sustainability)
- ERME Topic Conferences, 13 since 2016 (later point)
 - Will likely develop into ever more important venues for developing specialisations in mathematics education research
- ERME Book series, 6 volumes since 2021 (later point)
- YERME community: YERME day, YESS, ... (later point)
- ICMI affiliation and collaboration
- EMS collaboration (e.g. contributing “ERME column” to EMS Magazine, several members serving in EMS educational committee)

4. Election of new members of the ERME Board, Michiel Veldhuis (The Netherlands)

Election of the new members. Michiel Veldhuis (The Netherlands) explained the election procedure. Total 3 members will be elected. Ballots were given to the participants at the entrance.

Candidates made short talks and introduced themselves.

Ballots were filled and collected. See point 9 for results.

5. Financial issues

a. Treasurer's report : Ghislaine Gueudet introduced the financial report.
ERME has three bank accounts: current account, savings account, YESS account.

Total starting balance, 1st January 2021: **54 940.91 €**

Total closing balance, 13 June 2023: **109 068.16 €**

Main income:

- Membership fees collected at CERME12, **21 800 €**
- Surplus from CERME 12, **35981.61 €** (coming mostly from unclaimed reimbursements).

Main expenditures:

- support for YESS11 and YESS12 **13 598.29 €**
- Pre-CERME12 event **1470 €**
- redesign of the ERME website **770 €**

See the complete financial report on the ERME website

	Amounts (in euros)
Starting balance	109 068.16
INCOME	
Membership fees CERME13	20000
EXPENDITURE (main extraordinary budget)	
Support for YESS13	15000
Support for emerging communities, up to	20000
Lowering the registration fees for CERME14 (20 euros in case of 1000 participants), in the order of	20000
Increasing the support for the GLF	5000
TOTAL	60000

Closing balance	49 068.16
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60 000 euros will be spent for YESS13, Emergent Communities, lowering the registration fee for CERM14 and increasing support for GLF. There is **69 068.16 euros** remaining from the financial year as of July 13, 2023.

Francesca Morselli and Osama Swidan audited the financial report and **concluded that the financial reports of ERME are adequate.**

- b. Report about financial support for non-affluent countries. [Andreas Eichler](#) is presenting the summary for GLF fund. 76 applicants. 16 countries. Four priority groups. AE explains the criteria for money distribution.

Actual funding

3 different priority groups

1. 325 (PhD)/425 Euro: full reduced and full fee (50% reduction for poster submissions)
 2. 244 (PhD)/319 Euro: 75% of the full fee (50% reduction for poster submissions)
 3. 162 (PhD)/212 Euro: 50% of the full fee (50% reduction for poster submissions)
- No travel costs
 - 66/76 funded persons

In total, about 18.000 Euro from GLF was distributed, including the refunds from CERME12 that were donated for this purpose.

6. Report on first ERME Topic Conferences [+Emergent communities] (Frode Rønning (FR) (Norway) Vice-President

FR gave information about the ETCs (so far 13 were held during 2016-2022) and asked for TWGs to submit ETCs for 2024 and there is a call for August 25, 2023.

FR gave information about Emerging Communities. Collaboration between two countries are encouraged. 5000 euro max support per application. Call for deadline is Aug 25, 2023.

7. Report on YERME activities (Dilan Şahin-Gür (Germany))

Dilan Şahin-Gür (Germany) gave information about YERME work and activities:

- Report on YERME-Day 2023
- Announcement of YESS13:
YESS13 will be held on August 22-29 2024, in Cantabria, Spain.
- Information about new established YERME-activities: pre-events:
 - There were two online pre-events for CERME13.
 - A similar online pre-YESS event is in planning, will be announced. Follow the website (<https://yess13.unican.es>).
- New Yerme-group mail-list for selfsubscription

8. From CERME13 to CERME14 and CERME15

Carl Winsløw presents statistics of the CERME 13 - Proposals and acceptance.

	Papers	Posters	Total
Proposals	708	126	834
Accepted	616	141	757

As there is a max capacity of venues of $m \in (900,1000)$, we will have in the future:

- Maximal number of accepted papers/posters : $n = m - 300$
- With N proposals, rate of acceptance n/N applies to all TWGs
 - Example: if $N=700$, $n=600$ then acceptance rate is $\frac{6}{7} = 86\%$
- At the time of proposals, one can indicate 1 co-author wishing to register
 - 300 places distributed on organisers (TWG-leaders etc) and co-authors - priority given to co-authoring supervisor of phd presenter
 - should few co-authors wish to participate n **may** increase slightly
- Review process modified with new rubrics, 2 rounds
 - Open reviews with same criteria for all papers, and for all posters
 - First round: TWG leaders classify based on reviews (accept/edge/rej.)
 - Second rd: after revision & before reg.: final decision (accept/reject)
- TWG minimum # papers: $12 \cdot \frac{N}{m}$ (14 in ex above)
 - NB: TWG teams should strive at >20 proposed papers (ideally, 20-30)

Comments and suggestions after CERME13 could be sent to Marianna Bosch or Carl Winsløw.

Q&A session:

Question (for clarification): There is a question about rejection rate.

Suggestion and Question: ETCs could be introduced more and YERME can be introduced more and there should be more support to the proposals coming from the underrepresented countries. This is a dilemma. how would they get support for their proposals, for achieving quality proposals?

Comment: asking how the Board keeping balance in the participants: age balance, career stage balance, region balance etc.

Question: Is there a possibility to connect the (similar)papers by TWGs... so they will connect the papers and also lower the number of proposals?

Suggestion: CERME was based on 'inclusiveness' but this is a challenge since the quantity will increase, experienced people should help to improve the quality of weak papers. 'Inclusiveness' should be thought of in the sense of 'quality'.

Suggestion and Question: Young researchers have more chances to be rejected: can they come to YERME and attend to CERME without having their paper accepted? Are you planning any preparation for TWG leaders for keeping the same standards for selecting papers?

Suggestion: There should be a balance between European and non-European countries. CW said there would not be regulation of registration in relation to the boundaries of Europe, if not for other reasons, then because it's hard to agree where Europe starts and stops.

9. ERME book series (Nada Vondrova, on behalf of editorial committee)

- Nada V. introduces about book series, goal and how it should be. It should not be copy of the proceedings. She provided the link for the Published book:
<https://www.routledge.com/European-Research-in-Mathematics-Education/book-series/ERME#>

Six books are published so far.

If there are ideas for publishing a book, Nada Vondrova or any other member can be contacted (Susanne Prediger, Carl Winslow, Michiel Veldhuis, Konrad Krainer). No deadline.

10. Results of the elections the new ERME Board Members (Michiel Veldhuis)

370 votes casted. We congratulate and welcome the following members to the ERME Board.

Young Researcher representative (2023-2027)

Lamanna Luca (Italy)

Non-regional (2023-2029)

Andreas Stylianides (UK/Cyprus)

Regional (2023-2029)

Jana Trgalova (Switzerland)

11. Any other business

No other business

12. Closing

Carl Winslow closes the general meeting.