

Board Meeting at CCC'24 in Ann Arbor

Present: Valentine Kabanets, Mahdi Cheraghchi, Nutan Limyae, Susanna de Rezende, and Pierre McKenzie

Notes taken by Susanna de Rezende.

The meeting is conducted by Valentine Kabanets, CCF President.

1. Continuous Board Minutes are approved.
2. Follow up on LA chair:
 - a. Agreement with hotel was good: no penalty to release rooms that were not booked
 - b. Lunch was provided (usually is at CCC): saves time and allows people to interact
 - c. No excursion this time (it felt unnecessary)
 - d. Coffee break in the morning had food (cookies/fruits): it was appreciated (make explicit on schedule in the future conferences)
3. Follow up on PC chair
 - a. Two topics that should be discussed together: size of PC and allowing PC members to submit.
 - i. Pros: easier to find PC members, attract more papers, reach more areas, more PC members attending conference.
 - ii. Cons: requires extra care with COI, can give a bad image to the conference if many PC papers are accepted.
 - iii. Observations: general trend to allow PC submission seems to be working; Random is a small conference (~20 PC members) that allows PC submissions; increasing PC size in STOC resulted in more submissions; higher bar for PC submissions.
 - iv. Suggestion: for 2026 we could try out larger PC (20 members) and allowing for PC submissions with a higher bar.
 - b. Rebuttal: limited experience and not clear how useful it is. Suggestion: not implement this change for now.
 - c. Look into the possibility of switching from EasyChair to a more modern platform such as HotCRP (<https://hotcrp.com/>) especially if there's a likelihood of experimenting with new ideas such as rebuttals in the future.
4. CCC 2026 Venue: Lisbon and Auckland presented bids at the business meeting. Both venues are great. However, the most logical choice seems to be Lisbon. Pros with New Zealand:

taking CCC to a new country; nice place; first time in the Southern Hemisphere. Cons: far, not a large community, winter. Lisbon seems more accessible and is also an attractive destination.

5. Other business:

a. CCC 2025: Encourage people who need visas for Canada to apply soon (include information on website).

b. Awards:

i. Should we name the best student award? Perhaps "Luca Trevisan" award? EATCS should have a say. (For now, no name for Best paper award.)

ii. Test of time award: last time this was discussed (2022) the conclusion was that it would be a good idea, but not something regular and perhaps on special occasions, like the 40th anniversary. The 40th CCC will be in 2025. What was discussed:

- Award could be named Juris Hartmanis (or Fields award if the Fields' Institute wants to fund it)
- Eligible papers: papers that are at least 20 years old and published at CCC
- 1-3 papers could be selected
- Solicit nominations soon (announce on website/ mailing lists/blog/social media)
- Suggested people for awards committee: Lance Fortnow, Eric Allender, Salil Vadhan, Russell Impagliazzo, Toni Pitassi, Anna Gál, Ben Rossman
- Ben Rossman could be chair or could choose chair

c. Funding for student travel: look up possibilities for students not from the US, like ACM India, ACM Women. Is there an ACM Europe? (To be checked by Nutan.)