

Minutes Board Meeting of the Simulation Society of Scandinavia (SIMS)

Monday September 19, 2003, Västerås, Sweden

Present at the meeting (* - board member):

Peter Fritzson*	Linköping University, Sweden
Erik Dahlquist*	Mälardalen University, Sweden
Esko Juuso*	University of Oulu, Finland
Kim Sørensen*	Aalborg Industries AS Denmark
Bernt Lie*	Telemark University College Porsgrunn, Norway
Brian Elmegaard*	Technical University of Denmark
Vadim Engelson	Linköping University, Sweden
Jón Ágúst Þorsteinsson	Iceland University, Iceland

1. Opening of the meeting

The chairman Peter Fritzson opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the quorum and announcement of the Board meeting

The participants unanimously approved the quorum of the meeting and that the meeting has been announced properly.

3. Approval of the agenda

The Board members unanimously approved the agenda. The Board members unanimously approved that non-members of the board may adjoin the meeting.

4. Approval of the minutes from the previous Board meeting

The Board members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from 23 May 2003.

5. Election of a member for approval of the minutes of the Board meeting

Kim Sørensen was unanimously elected to check and sign the correctness of the minutes of the board meeting together with the chairperson.

6. Report from each national organization members Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden

- The report from Norwegian Simulation scientists was given by Bernt Lie. A seminar on training simulators (about 30 participants) was organized for industry. SIMS members get price reduction on such seminars. Some more information is published at NFA home page.
- A DKSIM report was given by Brian Elmegaard. They were organizing a successful ECOS 2003 conference for 220 participants and it took full 6 months to prepare. There will be DKSIM meeting 7-Nov-2003, as Danish Simulation Day. A Newsletter is released every ½ year. DKSIM www site has been updated.
- A FinSim report was given by Esko Juuso. They organized “Automation Days” with 700-800 participants. Rather big part of activities during these days covers simulation. In the coming year there will be two national events (conferences). The smaller scale activities are organized by FinSim

divisions: power plant division, safety division, nuclear power research, discrete event simulation for electronic manufacturing. FinSim work in cooperation with Automation Society. Part of FinSim members are Automation Society members.

- The report from Swedish simulation scientists was given by Peter Fritzson. Modelica 2003 International Conference (110 participants) and Virtual Reality Forum (Forum on Modeling Simulation and Visualization of Accidents, 100 participants) 2003 will be organized in November 2003 in Linköping. SIMS 2003 just finished in Västerås. There were 60 participants (some have fee reduction), 36 papers, 3 keynote presentations, 2 papers were rejected. MoSiS (Swedish simulation organization on their meeting decided to exit from SIMS).
- The report from Icelandic simulation scientists was given by Jón Ágúst Þorsteinsson . Main simulation research topics in Iceland are geothermal energy systems, fishing vessels, reducing oil consumption in motors. Several companies and Universities cooperate in this research in particular United Nations University.

7. Future SIMS activities

- SIMS 2004 will take place September 23-24 in Kgs. Lyngby, with a course before the conference.
- Erik Dahlquist will organize “Energy meeting” on power plant simulation March 11-12, 2004.
- The board also discusses that the future conference committees should select a few paper for journal publication and have an agreement with an established simulation journal (SIMPRA). Esko Juuso should check the details of this procedure.
- Papers of all conferences should be made available from www.scansims.org www site.
- Vadim Engelson should prepare necessary changes to the bylaws to include Iceland to SIMS.

8. Next board meeting

The date for the next meeting has to be decided later.

9. Any other business

No other businesses were registered.

10. Closing of the Board meeting.

The Chairperson closed the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting are correctly recorded:

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(Peter Fritzson, the Chairperson of the meeting)

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Vadim Engelson, the Secretary of the meeting)

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(Kim Sørensen, for approval of the minutes of the meeting)