

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

Tuesday 8 October 2001, Porsgrunn, Norway

(with minor typing changes made 26 April 2002)

Board members present at the meeting:

Peter Fritzson	Linköping University, Sweden
Kaj Juslin	VTT, Finland
Esko Juuso	University of Oulu, Finland
Anne C. Elster	NTNU, Trondheim
Kim Sörensen	Aalborg Industries AS Denmark
Bernt Lie	Telemark University College Porsgrunn, Norway

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.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Board meeting 010315

The Board members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from 010315.

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

Anne C. Elster was unanimously elected to check and sign the correctness of the minutes of the board meeting together with the chairperson.

6. Approval of DKSim as new organizational member of SIMS

Kim Sörensen has given a brief description of the DKSIM simulation activities. DKSIM have right now approximately 24 individual members both from universities and from companies. Around 5 companies have shown interest to become members of DKSIM. A list of the members should be sent to SIMS for distribution of "*Simulation News Europe*" Journal.

The Board unanimously approved DKSIM as a new organizational member of the SIMS.

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

- An NFA report was given by Bernt Lie. More members of NFA should be reported to SIMS.
- A FinSim report was given by Esko Juuso. More members of NFA should be reported to SIMS.

- A MOSiS report was given by Peter Fritzson. He informed about local activities of the MOSiS, activities of the Östergöta branch which is very active in simulation activities around the Linköping area. Sture Alexandersson is the president of this organization. Horizontal groups on simulation subjects should be also created and shown on the SIMS web page to link similar activities in different countries, for example medical simulation
- A DKSIM report was already given at the previous point by Kim Sörensen.

8. Current SIMS activities

Bernt Lie reported about the balance of the current SIMS conference and about the organization of the current conference.

9. Future SIMS activities

- Esko Juuso informed the board about the next meeting in Finland at University of Oulu around 23-24 September 2002, but this date might change in the future.
- 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.
- A Proposal was registered from Denmark to organize the SIMS conference in June 2003 together with ECOS 2003. A decision regarding this proposal was delayed to the next board meeting. The board commented that this date is not compatible with the date for the annual SIMS meeting which according to the bylaws should be September or October. Also, previous experience of co-arranging SIMS with other conferences, e.g. in Helsinki and Copenhagen, has not been positive.

10. Next board meeting

The topic of the next meeting will be the next SIMS Conference in Finland and the horizontal simulation activities among the Scandinavian countries. The date for the next meeting has to be decided later.

11. Any other business

No other businesses were registered.

12. 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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(Peter Bunus, the Secretary of the meeting)

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(Anne C. Elster, for approval of the minutes of the meeting)