

EUROGRAPHICS General Assembly

The twelfth General Assembly of the EUROGRAPHICS Association was held at the Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria, on Thursday 5 September 1991, at 17.10. The Chairman, J.E. Schönhut, welcomed the 66 members present.

1. Minutes of the Eleventh General Assembly

The minutes of the eleventh General Assembly, published in Computer Graphics Forum, Vol. 9, No. 4, pp. 399-407 (1990) were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported the resignation of Professor J.L. Encarnacao as Chairman of the Professional Board, due to pressure of other work. He will continue to serve the Association as a member of the Board. Professor F.R.A. Hopgood will take over the Chairmanship of this Board. Thanks were expressed to Professor Encarnacao for his extensive services to the Association in this role. The Chairman wished Professor Hopgood well in his new role.

A reported to the General Assembly in 1990, conference monitoring is being undertaken by the Executive Board. Monitoring Officers have been appointed for the active conferences: EUROGRAPHICS '91 P. Brunet, EUROGRAPHICS '92 W. Hansmann, EUROGRAPHICS '93 H. Kuhlmann, EUROGRAPHICS '94 C.E. Vandoni. The function of Monitoring Officers is still being refined.

The Chairman indicated that there are several challenges facing the Association for the future, including the opening up of Eastern Europe. A working group led by the Professional Board is to prepare a strategy paper for discussion by the Executive Committee.

The Chairman reported that Professor Strasser has been elected to Fellowship of the Association. Congratulations were offered to Professor Strasser.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Professor Purgathofer for organizing the conference in Vienna with such energy and enthusiasm.

4. Board Reports

The Chairman noted that there would be no separate report from the Professional Board. The work of this Board has been carried out in collaboration and cooperation with the Promotions Board and is reported under the Promotions Board report.

4.1. Promotions Board

Dr Hubbard gave this report. Contact has been established with Officers of ACM Siggraph in recent months and various options for collaboration between EUROGRAPHICS and Siggraph are being explored. Meetings have been held with French members of EUROGRAPHICS and ways of setting up local activities in France are being explored.

The membership of the Promotions Board is R. Hubbard, T. Howard, D. Kromker and P. Bono. The work of the Board is increasing and volunteers to help with the work would be very welcome. Various PR materials have been produced; some have been translated into Japanese by the Nicograph Association. Anyone wishing to have PR material for local use should contact Dr Hubbard.

The EUROGRAPHICS Newsletter has been relaunched (there was a Newsletter prior to Computer Graphics Forum). This concentrates on promoting events and forthcoming activities. Printing and shipping take place within a timespan of two weeks. Details of how to submit material to the Newsletter are contained in the first issue.

The Promotions Board has arranged displays of EUROGRAPHICS materials at a number of graphics events and conferences world-wide.

Drs ten Hagen asked if special action is planned to promote EUROGRAPHICS in Eastern Europe. Dr Hubbard indicated that EUROGRAPHICS is anxious to reach professionals in Eastern Europe, but there are budgetary implications. Professor Encarnacao noted that there is a possibility to gain support from various funding agencies for such activities.

4.2. Workshops and Working Groups Board

Dr Herman, the Chairman, gave this report. Seven workshops have been held since the last General Assembly: Multimedia (40), Scientific Visualization (48), Rendering (47), Object-oriented Graphics (31), Formal Methods in Computer Graphics (24), Graphics Hardware (32), Animation and Simulation (37). Numbers in brackets indicate attendance.

For the coming year, the following workshops are planned.

Computer Graphics and Mathematics	October 28-30, 1991
Scientific Visualization	April 27-29, 1992, ?Pisa
Multi-media	?4-6 May, Darmstadt
Rendering	TBA
Electronic Documents in Professional Printing	November 1992, Darmstadt

Graphics Hardware	EUROGRAPHICS '92
Animation and Simulation	?EUROGRAPHICS '92
Object-oriented Graphics	October 28-30, 1992, near Geneva

The Board is anxious to set up workshops in Eastern Europe.

Dr Herman thanked the organizations who have contributed to and supported the workshops organized over the last year.

4.3. Publications Board

Dr Kjelldahl reported.

The major decision taken during the year is that NCC Blackwell Publishers will publish Computer Graphics Forum with effect from 1 January 1992. In future the proceedings of the EUROGRAPHICS conference will form one of the issues of the journal. Typesetting of the regular issues will be handled almost completely by the publisher. This move will enable the Chief Editors to concentrate on the proper responsibilities of chief editors.

Publications activities of the Association include Computer Graphics Forum, the Technical Report series, the Eurographic Seminars series (published by Springer-Verlag) and the Newsletter (responsibility of the Promotions Board).

Professor Bergeron asked about the cost implications of the new publishing arrangements for the journal. Dr Schönhut said that members could choose whether or not to receive a copy of the conference proceedings issue when renewing their subscriptions. All conference attendees will receive the proceedings and copies will be on sale after the conference through the EUROGRAPHICS bookshop (at a 25% discount to members) and through booksellers. Professor Duce reported that the library subscription price (which includes the proceedings) for 1992 will be £150 (European list price).

4.4. Operations Board

Mr Vandoni, the Secretary, gave the first part of the report.

He showed data on performance of the Swiss Franc against other currencies from 1918 to 1986. The tendency is for other currencies to fall against the Sfr.

The membership situation on 1 August 1991 was reported. The number of members (excluding Institutional Member contact persons) was 848 on 1 August. This represents a decrease of 37 from the previous year. 166 members did not renew their membership; new members joining represent an overall decrease of 37. 50% of those members not renewing their membership had been members for not more than one year.

The early payment incentive mechanism has proved to be very effective in stimulating members to pay early.

Data on rates of renewal for 1991 in comparison with previous years were displayed.

The Central Secretariat has acquired new computer support for handling the membership files and the system is now operating very smoothly.

A questioner asked the implications of the membership trends for the future. Mr Vandoni said that the membership turnover rate this year was 18%. It is difficult to state why membership is not increasing. Professor Duce said that a survey in the UK carried out some years ago showed that the main reason why members resigned from EUROGRAPHICS was due to moving out of the field.

Dr Mumford asked for data on Institutional Members. Mr Vandoni said that there are currently 40 Institutional Members, six of whom have indicated their intention to resign at the end of this year or have not yet renewed their membership for 1991. There are 79 associated contact persons.

Professor Duce, the Treasurer, then presented the accounts for the financial year 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991. Two sets of data were presented, the accounts prepared by the Operations Board to manage the running of the Association, which show the actual cash flow under each heading during 1990/91, and the official accounts prepared by the accountant. The internal data were presented first. Income and expenditure fall into three categories: income and expenditure on behalf of membership services (for example membership fees, Board expenditure), income and expenditure carried over from the previous year (the Suspense Account) and income and expenditure for conferences (mailing costs, some travel costs) which is subsequently reimbursed in full. The separation is reflected in the accounts below, which separate membership, suspense and rechargeable conference accounts.

Membership Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Membership fees	122277.05	117000.00
Conference surplus	53782.98	0.00
Royalties	3415.05	12000.00
Bookshop	21009.93	10000.00
Bank interests	20307.87	6000.00
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	220792.88	145000.00
<i>Less Expenditure</i>		
Executive Board	23410.77	11000.00
Professional Board	4977.26	10500.00
Conference Board	866.37	5500.00
Workshop Board	9282.69	10500.00
Operations - Secretary	65873.27	63000.00
Operations - Treasurer	25784.00	31000.00
Promotions Board	14671.42	17000.00
Publications Board	52129.03	61900.00

Bookshop	5211.20	2000.00
	<u>202206.01</u>	<u>212400.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	18586.87	-67400.00

- (1) A considerable surplus was generated by EUROGRAPHICS '90, which was not foreseen at the 1990 General Assembly.
- (2) Royalty income from the Eurographic Seminars series was less than envisaged because no new titles appeared during 1990. A large number of titles has already appeared in 1991.
- (3) Sales of tutorial notes and other publications have generated a healthy surplus.
- (4) Bank interest includes revenue from fixed-term deposits in Switzerland. This item includes interest from a six-month deposit maturing in August 1990.
- (5) The overspend by the combined Executive and Conference Board budgets arose from the need to hold additional meetings in connection with the Computer Graphics Forum contract.

Suspense Account

	Actual	Budget
<i>Income</i>		
Spanish chapter	1000.00	1000.00
EG90	90278.35	93500.00
Subscriptions	11634.96	12000.00
	<u>102913.31</u>	<u>106500.00</u>
Less Expenditures	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	102913.31	106500.00

- (1) The main item here is the surplus from EUROGRAPHICS '89 which was received during 1990/91.

Repayment Conference Accounts

	Cumulative	90/91	Budget
EG90 Income	50901.80	50901.80	56000.00
EG90 Expenditure	51586.73	4962.29	10000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-684.93	45939.51	46000.00
EG91 Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG91 Expenditure	8749.98	1370.40	33000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-8749.98	-1370.40	-33000.00
EG92 Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG92 Expenditure	4767.66	204.34	32000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-4767.66	-204.34	-32000.00
EG93 Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
EG93 Expenditure	310.55	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-310.55	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>-14513.12</u>	<u>44364.77</u>	<u>-19000.00</u>

- (1) Outstanding sums on the EUROGRAPHICS '90 account were repaid in full during 1990/91.
- (2) The outlay on EUROGRAPHICS '91 has been considerably less than envisaged because a number of items of expenditure have been covered locally. It was envisaged that EUROGRAPHICS would have to cover these initially, and be reimbursed at the close of the conference.
- (3) Outlay on EUROGRAPHICS '92 has also been less than envisaged.

The Auditor's Report is reproduced at the end of these minutes. The audited accounts are given below.

Profit and Loss Account (July 1,1990 to 30 June 1991)

<i>Income</i>	
Subscription	125,032.02
Royalties	3,415.05
EG'89	47,503.35
Bank interest	543.22
Short term deposit interest	18,181.50
Repayment on book sales	21,009.93
Conference surplus	59,776.43
Others products	2,633.08
	<u>278,094.58</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Executive Board	23,410.77
Professional Board	4,977.26
Conference Board	866.37
Workshops and Working Groups Board	9,282.69
Secretariat	65,873.27
Treasurer	27,905.21
Promotion Board	25,166.45
Publications Board	78,812.49
Bookshop	5,211.20
EG'90	684.93
Exchange difference	1,670.57
Material and equipment	10,000.00
	<u>253,861.21</u>
<i>Result</i>	
Profit for the period	<u>24,233.37</u>

Balance Sheet as at June 30th 1991

<i>Assets</i>	
Cash	21,418.32
Bank	44,178.10
Short term deposit	320,000.00
Federal withholding tax	7,178.85
EG'91 account	8,749.98
EG'92 account	4,767.66
EG'93 account	310.55
	<u>406,603.46</u>

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	70,294.91
Fortune	336,308.55
	<u>406,603.46</u>

- (1) The capital (fortune) of the association shows an increase of 7.5% over the 1989/90 figure. This is roughly in line with inflation in Switzerland (about 6%).
- (2) Some accounts show large discrepancies from the internal accounts presented above. The reason for this is that provisions were made in the 1989/90 accounts for income from EUROGRAPHICS '89. Provisions have been made in the 1990/91 accounts for expenditure to be incurred in 1991/92 connection with the new contract for Computer Graphics Forum arising from different billing dates. Provisions have also been made for additional computer support equipment and EUROGRAPHICS '92 advance expenditure.

Professor Duce proposed that the audited accounts be approved. Mr Hewitt seconded. The motion was carried nemcon. (1 abstention).

Professor Duce proposed that Antoine Richard be appointed auditors for the financial year 1 July 1991 to 30 June 1992. Dr Kjell Dahl seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Executive Committee Elections

5.1. Results of the 1991 Elections

The results of the elections for the Executive Committee were presented. 328 ballot forms were returned.

	Region	Votes	
Bergeron	7	154	<i>Elected</i>
Brunet	5	176	<i>Elected</i>
Duce	1	234	<i>Elected</i>
Ducrot	5	135	
Faconti	5	98	
Gomes	5	93	
Hagen	2	133	
Herman	3	167	<i>Elected</i>
Peitgen	2	119	
Post	3	163	<i>Elected</i>
Purgathofer	2	197	<i>Elected</i>

Kjell Dahl was returned unopposed to the regional vacancy in region 4. The composition of the Executive Committee from the close of the General Assembly is:

Until 1992 Arnold (1), Coquillart (5), Falcidieno (5), Hewitt (1), Hopgood (1), Schönhut(2), Strasser (2).

Until 1993 Bono (7), Encarnacao (2), ten Hagen (3), Hubbard (1), Kansy (2), Skala (6), Vandoni (5).

Until 1994 Bergeron (7), Brunet (5), Duce (1), Herman (3), Kjell Dahl(4), Post (3), Purgathofer (2).

De Ruiter and Willis, the Chief Editors of Computer Graphics Forum, are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.

The numbers in brackets after each name indicate the region to which the member belongs. There are no regional vacancies in 1992.

5.2. Appointment of Nominating Committee

The General Assembly appoints two members to a Nominating Committee whose function is to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee elections. The Executive Committee has appointed P. Brunet and K. Kansy.

G. Faconti and M. Gangnet were appointed by the General Assembly (proposed by Professor Duce, seconded by Dr Hubbard, unanimous).

6. Budget and Forward Look

Professor Duce presented the budget for 1991/92 and forward look until 1995/96.

Membership Account

Income	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96
Membership fees	121.8	122.8	123.8	152.1	153.4
Royalties	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Conference surplus	75.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
Bookshop	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Interest	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
	<u>254.8</u>	<u>265.8</u>	<u>266.8</u>	<u>295.1</u>	<u>296.4</u>
Expenditure					
Exec. Brd.	11.6	12.4	13.3	14.2	15.2
Prof. Brd.	5.8	6.2	6.6	7.1	7.6
Conf. Brd.	5.8	6.2	6.6	7.1	7.6
Workshops Brd.	12.0	12.8	13.7	14.7	15.7
Operations					
Secretary	63.0	67.4	72.1	77.2	82.6
Treasurer	20.0	21.4	22.9	24.5	26.2
Taxation	12.0	12.8	13.7	14.7	15.7
Promotions Brd.	19.8	21.2	22.7	24.3	26.0
Publications Brd.	75.0	74.0	79.7	85.8	92.4
Bookshop	5.0	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.6
	<u>230.0</u>	<u>239.7</u>	<u>257.0</u>	<u>275.7</u>	<u>295.6</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	24.8	26.1	9.8	19.4	0.8

Repayment Conference Accounts

Repayment conference accounts	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96
<i>Income</i>					
EG91	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG92	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0	0.0
EG95	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0
Total income	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
<i>Expenditure</i>					
EG91	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG92	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EG93	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
EG94	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	0.0
EG95	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0	1.0
EG96	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	6.0
EG97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Total expenditure	6.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Surplus/(Deficit)	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Summary

	91/92	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96
Membership A/C surplus	24.8	26.1	9.8	19.4	0.8
Conference A/C surplus	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total surplus	28.8	27.1	9.8	19.4	0.8
Cumulative	28.8	55.9	65.7	85.1	85.9

- (1) The membership income is based on a flat membership profile through the forward look period. Membership fee is 100Sfr until 1994. A figure of 130 Sfr has been used from 1 January 1994. Institutional Membership subscription is held at the current value until 1 January 1994, when a rise to 1300 Sfr is used.
- (2) The Publications Board budget includes the cost of Computer Graphics Forum. The figures shown here are net figures; the cost of the proceedings issue for conference attendees will be passed on to the conference concerned. The expenditure is shown net of this income. Expenditure is also net of advertising revenue from the journal. This was explained in response to a question from Dr Jansen.

Professor Arnold proposed that the budget for 1991/92 set out above be approved. Professor Encarnacao seconded. The motion was carried nem con. (1 abstention).

7. Executive Board 1992

The Chairman reported the composition of the Executive Board for 1992.

Chairman	J.E. Schönhut
Vice-Chairs	L. Kjelldahl P. Brunet
Treasurer	D.A. Duce (assisted by T. Morrow)
Secretary	C.E. Vandoni
Executive Board	J.E. Schönhut
Operations Board	C.E. Vandoni
Workshops Board	I. Herman
Publications Board	L. Kjelldahl
Promotions Board	R.J. Hubbard
Professional Board	F.R.A. Hopgood

The Chairman reported that Professor Brunet has indicated a willingness to accept the position of Chairman from 1 January 1994. Dr Schönhut would be willing to continue as Chairman until that date.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 September 1992 in Cambridge, UK.

9. Any Other Business

Mr van der Star noted that hotels in Vienna can be very expensive and expressed a general concern about hotel prices in the locations in which EUROGRAPHICS conferences are held. The Chairman explained that the Executive Committee is thinking seriously about how conference costs in general can be reduced.

Dr Mumford said that the issue of students had been raised at the last General Assembly and said that she felt that EUROGRAPHICS should offer student prices at the conference. The Chairman said that this request would be taken into account by the Executive Committee as part of the general discussion about future conference strategy.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.22.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO
THE GENERAL MEETING OF
EUROGRAPHICS ASSOCIATION
GENEVA

As auditor of your Association, I have examined the accounts for the year ended June 30th, 1991, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

I have come to the conclusion that :

- the balance sheet of profit and loss account are in agreement with the books
- the books of account have been properly kept
- the financial position and the results or operations are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the result of my examination, I recommend that the accounts submitted to you be approved.

Geneva, July 24th, 1991

Antoine RICHARD



Enclosures : Balance sheet
Profit and loss account