

Dear AIME member, and/or alumnun or trainee of the postmaster program Mathematics for Industry at Eindhoven University of Technology,

The board of AIME would like to invite you to a general member meeting that is planned to take place on Monday 8st of March 2010 at 17:00. To attend the meeting, please register by sending an email to a.hlod@alumnus.tue.nl before the 1st of March 2010 sharp. Registration after that date is not possible.

The meeting will take place at Eindhoven University of Technology. The exact location of the meeting depends on the number of registered participants and will be announced after 1st of March 2010 to the registered participants only.

The conclusion of the general member meeting from the 16th of January 2010 was that AIME should be reorganized and optimized in view of new realities. Some of the AIME tasks will be taken over by a group of alumni of Mathematics for Industry in LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=48363>) and alumni initiatives of the University MaCFAN. For the remaining activities a discussion will be started in the LinkedIn Group.

The financial part will be taken care of by creation of a separate account of Mathematics for Industry.

More information about LinkedIn group and MacFAN can be obtained from the references below.

The main point at the agenda of the general member meeting is the voting for closing AIME as legal entity¹.

For more information regarding MacFAN please contact Cor Hurkens wscor@win.tue.nl, regarding LinkedIN group please contact Eva van Niekerk eva.van.niekerk@gmail.com and Vivi Andasari v.andasari@yahoo.com .

Attachments

Minute of the meeting 16th of January 2010

Information about MacFAN written by Cor Hurkens.

Board of AIME
Ekaterina Vladislavleva and Andriy Hlod

¹ This is the second vote and according to the AIME statute in case the majority of the attended members of AIME will vote Yes the AIME will be closed as a legal entity

Minutes of meeting of AIME members and alumni of the Mathematics for Industry program of the Eindhoven University of Technology:

(16th of January 2010)

1. **13.05-13.10 Update on the status** of AIM/e by Andriy Hlod Andriy summarized the goals of AIME, the details of the "Statuut", plans of the current Board to retire and either pass the obligations to the new Board, or reorganize the association. The call for the New Board of AIM/e was announced in December, and till January 15 no volunteers were found to form the new Board.
2. **13.10-13.20 Update on the goals of the new Alumni network** by Cor Hurkens Cor explained the structure of Mathematics and Computer science Federal Alumni Network (McFAN) as an organization willing to provide infrastructure to the AIME association and assist in organizing activities, maintaining the data base of emails, providing facilities for AIME meetings (held separately and together with other members of the Alumni Network).
3. **13.20-14.15 Discussion**
During the discussion with the attendees of the meeting, including Stef van Eijndhoven, the Director of the MfI program, all Board members of AIM/e, and alumni of the MfI program restated the main goals of the association of industrial mathematicians:
 - a. Maintaining contacts among the alumni of the MfI program and possibly other interested mathematical modeling professionals;
 - b. Sharing knowledge and Updating the members on the progress of industrial mathematics, new trends in mathematical modeling, successful applications for which mathematical models were essential, and examples of successful career paths.
 - c. Promoting mathematics for industry to the world, emphasizing the necessity and the high impact of the special programs, which prepare graduates in mathematics, physical sciences, and engineering to solve real-world problems in industry.

Participants agreed that

1. AIME goals should be further pursued.
2. The legal status of AIM/e is not necessary to pursue these goals at this moment.
3. More discussion is needed to decide on the most appropriate structure of AIME.
4. The simplest way to hold these discussions is via LinkedIn group of the alumni of the MfI program.
5. Ask (and if necessary persuade) all the alumni and AIME members to register as alumni of TU/e (<http://w3.tue.nl/nl/diensten/daz/alumni/> if applicable) to join McFAN and register in LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=48363>).
6. All money from the bank account of AIME will be transferred to the Mathematics for Industry account with a costs place number specially created for alumni activities. At the moment the plan is to spend the money on a seminar and some barbeque the end of spring beginning summer 2010.
7. The bank account will be closed because it costs money.

Participants voted for closing AIM/e association as a legal entity unanimously (24 out of 24 people).

MacFAN

by Cor Hurkens

MaCFAN stands for the collaboration between the department of mathematics and Computer Science and its alumni in the master studies mathematics and computer science, as well as the post-master studies in these areas. These students have their own associations/communities:

WIRE (mathematical engineers/MSc +PhD)

VIE (computer science engineers/MSc +PhD)

AIME (Designers course Mathematics for Industry PdEng)

XOOTIC (Designers course Software Technology PdEng)

On the part of the Department the contact persons are Cor Hurkens (for mathematics) and Marloes van Lierop (Computer Science)

Some of these associations are very alive, some are not. Most struggle with the overhead of having a board, consisting of people not always close to Eindhoven, although at times there is really interest and enthusiasm to participate in certain events.

Nowadays most communication is channeled over the internet via networks like LinkedIn. Actually that is fine and its use should be encouraged. For practical purposes it is convenient however to enable anyone who wants to organize something around Eindhoven or who wants to participate in something that has been organized to do this in a easy way. Further there are activities that are open to all members of all communities, in view of common interests. Obviously, alumni of these four communities may work in similar environments.

For this we would like to encourage all of you to register at the Eindhoven TU alumni net (<https://alumninet.tue.nl/>). The administration of alumni net is aware of all people who have obtained a degree at TU Eindhoven. When registering there you (should) get the option to indicate that you want to be seen as an (active) member of the (AIME) community/association. Here "active" means only that you want to be informed about activities within your field. It also means that you can actually sign up for activities that are being organized. For other associations it may actually mean that one registers as a full member. But we would like to maintain this opportunity of registration even if AIME is not an official, legal association (anymore). MaCFAN does not want to have the burden of keeping a financial administration of things like membership fees. If an activity costs money, the organizers may go for sponsors or may ask the participants to pay something. Stef van Eindhoven can organize some kind of financial entity (booking post) that can serve as a financial storage room, when needed. (say to collect sponsorship payments). This relieves the potential organizers of events and would help in actually organizing things.