



# **MODELLING AND SIMULATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INC.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**6.00pm, 13 December 2005**

Copland Theatre, University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

### **PRESENT**

Barry Croke, Lachlan Newham, Andre Zerger, David Pullar, Susan Kelo, Tony Jakeman, Susan Cuddy, Jim Hansen, Vince Bidwell, John Norton, Alan Clift, Bill Chivers, Bruce Lewis, Jan Herbert, Ric Herbert, Linda Merrin, Felix Andrews, Celina Smith, Rebecca Letcher, Roger Braddock, John Ludwig, Harri Koivusalo, Ari Jolma, Gayani Fernando, Sandhya Samerasinghe, David Post, Sergei Schreider, Michael Hartcher, Christine Lim, Dora Marinova, Ari Lauren, Peter Coad, David Mayer, Mark Howden, Neil Gribble, Jim Everett, Anthony Dekker, Don Kulasiri, Les Oxley, Rob Argent

### **APOLOGIES**

David White, Tom Chapman, Michael McAleer

### **MINUTES OF THE 2004 AGM**

held on 25 November 2004 at the Australian National University were approved.

Moved: Rebecca Letcher; Seconded Lachlan Newham

**Motion Carried**

### **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

Discussed under Presidents Report.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **2004 AGM action items**

a) e-commerce - action item from 2004 AGM to investigate automating the fee payment/conference registration system. It was agreed to stay with registration through WCMT and partly automate the banking component as this seems to be the only way that provides strong control. The number of registrations/payments that require intervention is actually quite high and this doesn't suit an e-commerce operation. Nevertheless, the office will work towards reducing the amount of manual intervention required.

b) Student Awards – The 2004 AGM highlighted the need to change the student awards system, particularly with close to 90 papers submitted for consideration. A pre-conference filter was used for the first time which assisted the reviewers. It may be necessary to formalise the student Committee (this year chaired by David Post, assisted by Vince Bidwell, Les Oxley and John Norton). This will be discussed by the Management Committee.

c) Papers -> Journals - The Society is fortunate to have several journal editors as members, who have been able to facilitate the production of Special Issues. While EMS no longer produces a Special Issue for conference papers, members continue to be active in preparing Special Issues for other journals, and it was agreed that priority should be given to promoting excellent student papers and relevant keynotes.

### **WCMT (conference management system)**

Rob Argent indicated that he is now a co-developer of WCMT with Andrea Rizzoli. This will facilitate continuous improvements to WCMT which supports registration, and submission and review of papers.

Action Management Committee to coordinate suggestions for changes/improvements to the WCMT system
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## **SIMMOD Conferences: 2005 and 2007**

SIMMOD 2005 was held in Thailand in January 2005, supported by MSSANZ. It was the first general modelling and simulation conference held for the south-east Asian and Pacific modelling community. The convenors of the conference have been strong supporters of MODSIM and we urge members to support their next conference in 2007. The 2005 conference proceedings are hosted by MSSANZ at <http://www.mssanz.org.au/simmod05/>

## **Keynotes**

Members were asked to think about what challenges they want to hear about at the 2007 conference, and then notify conference convenors (for convenor details, see below).

Action Tony Jakeman and Sue Cuddy to prepare guidelines for keynotes (format, topics) for circulation to Management Committee.

## **AWARDS**

The President congratulated award winners. The Society has continued with two ECRE awards in each category, reflecting the number of excellent young researchers coming through.

Except for student awards (only known on last day of Conference), these have been on the website for some time, but are listed here for the record.

### **Biennial Medallists**

Benchaphun Ekasingh, Chiangmai University (General Systems)  
Rodger Grayson, University of Melbourne (Natural Systems)  
Jerry Hausman, MIT (Socioeconomic Systems)

### **Early Career Excellence**

Carmel Pollino, Monash University (General)  
Lachlan Newham, The Australian National University (General)  
Barbara Robson, CSIRO Land and Water (Natural)  
Barbara Baginska, NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (Natural)  
Suhejla Hoti, University of Western Australia (Socioeconomics)  
Rich Little, CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research (Socioeconomics)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer distributed statements of income & expenditures, balance sheet, and auditor's report for the financial year 1 July 2004 – 30 June 2005. MODSIM 2005 will appear in 2005-2006 statements.

Motion: "that the financial statements be accepted."

Moved – Lachlan Newham, Seconded – Susan Cuddy  
**Motion Carried**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Most nominations were received prior to the meeting in accordance with the Constitution. These nominations plus one additional Committee member nomination from the floor, were endorsed by the meeting.

President:	Tony Jakeman	
Vice President:	Michael McAleer	
Secretary:	Susan Cuddy	
Treasurer:	Lachlan Newham	
Public Officer:	Robert Argent	
Committee:	Les Oxley	Andre Zerger
	Christine Lim	A David McDonald
	Vince Bidwell	David Post
	Dora Marinova	Don Kulasiri

## MODSIM 2005 REPORT

While the full conference report will be given in the next newsletter, convenor Rob Argent gave us some interesting facts.

This is the largest MODSIM conference to date, with 500 registrants, coming from 30 countries, with the largest contingents from Australia (330), Japan (34) and New Zealand (25). About 130 participants were students and 250 participants were not MSSANZ members (ie they had not attended MODSIM 2003 or taken out membership during the intervening period).

## MODSIM 2007

Two universities are joining together to convene the 2007 conference, with Les Oxley (Canterbury) and Don Kulasiri (Lincoln) convenors. Location is the Uni of Canterbury campus, 10-13 December.

Contact details are: [Les.oxley@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:Les.oxley@canterbury.ac.nz); [kulasird@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:kulasird@lincoln.ac.nz) and conference details will be available from the MSSANZ website shortly (<http://mssanz.org.au/modsim07>).

## MODSIM 2009

President, Tony Jakeman, reported that he and Michael McAleer have been asked to run IMACS World Congress in 2009. Tony has suggested running a joint conference which, would be very large (IMACS typically attracts ~800), but provide wonderful opportunities. Looking at Cairns in July (good response from members). Tony will get back to members when decision made.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Thanks

Tony Jakeman thanked MSSANZ office staff, especially Sue Kelo, for their tireless work for MSSANZ, especially in conference years.

### Contacts List

Andre Zerger suggested that the Society needs to consider how to resource maintaining the contacts list that is used to kick off conferences. While MSSANZ maintains its membership (current and inactive) list, the contact list is much larger than this.

Action	Maintenance of contacts list to be placed on agenda for Management Committee.
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Meeting closed 7.000pm.