

ORBEL vzw

“Société Belge de Recherche Opérationnelle”

“Belgische Vereniging voor Operationeel Onderzoek”

ING 320-0858755-84 ASBL/VZW n° 406630532

Siège Social/Sociale zetel: 30 Av. Renaissance-laan, B-1000 Bruxelles-Brussel

Minutes of the General Assembly

February 1, 2018, Brussels

Present: Bernard Fortz, Pierre Louis Kunch, Dries Goossens, Michael Schyns, Frits Spijksma, and others

Starting: 5.15 pm

Attached documents:

Activity report 2017 (P. Kunsch)

Financial report 2017 and budget 2018 (B. Fortz)

4OR and ORP reports (Yves Crama)

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly, dated February 2, 2017

Decision: The minutes are approved without changes.

2. Activity report of the delegate Administrator

Pierre presents the report.

Decision: the report is officially acknowledged and approved unanimously.

3. Activity report from the OR Publication delegate

Yves presents the report about 4OR and OR Publications.

Decision: the report is officially acknowledged and approved unanimously.

4. Financial report by the Treasurer

Bernard Fortz presents the financial situation of 2017 and the new budget for 2018.

5. Approval of the consolidated accounts for 2017 and of the budget for 2018.

Decision: approved unanimously.

6. Clearance for the board of administrators

Decision: The assembly unanimously gives clearance to the Administrators.

7. Membership fees for 2019

Unanimous decision:

Keep the fees unchanged with respect to the fees for 2013-2018. If no better deal with Springer is possible, we might increase the fees later this year.

We have mandate to negotiate preferably the following deal:

- Keep the fees unchanged with respect to the fees for 2013-2018.
- For members who pay a membership fee, the fees include an electronic subscription to 4OR. An extra amount of 15EUR will be requested for electronic+paper subscription.
- For free memberships (students who register for the annual meeting), there is no 4OR subscription included anymore by default. An extra amount of 15EUR is required for the electronic version and 30EUR for an electronic+paper subscription.

Standard (regular) membership : 55€

Students and **retired person's** membership: 30€

Institutional membership (minimum 3 persons) : 50€

8. Nominations for the Board of Administrators

*11 members **elected for 2017 and 2018:***

- Aghezzaf, El-Houssaine
- Beliën, Jeroen
- Bisdorff, Raymond
- Caris, An
- Labbé, Martine
- Leus, Roel
- Goossens, Dries
- Sartenaer, Annick
- Spieksma, Frits
- Sörensen, Kenneth
- Van Utterbeeck, Filip

Decision:

*18 members **elected for 2018 and 2019:***

- Arda, Yasemin
 - Blondeel, Wouter
 - Chevalier, Philippe
 - Crama, Yves
 - David, Benoit
 - De Baets, Bernard
 - De Causmaecker, Patrick
 - De Smet, Yves
 - Fortz, Bernard
 - Janssens, Gerrit
 - Kunsch, Pierre
 - Mélot, Hadrien
 - Pirlot, Marc
 - Schyns, Michaël
 - Vanden Berghe, Greet
 - Vansteenwegen, Pieter
 - Wittevrongel, Sabine
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- Papadimitriou, Dimitri

Finishing: 6:10 pm.

Liège, February, 1, 2018

Michael Schyns

Pieter Vansteenwegen

President

Secretary

Movements

Movements of financial means

from 1-1-2016 to 31-12-2017

IN

	total
	[Eur]
membership	7150.00
publications	0.00
conferences	0.00
subsidies	0.00
others	3509.00
interests	21.71
	total 10680.71

OUT

membership	243.04
publications	3735.18
conferences	3999.46
secretariat	500.00
bank costs	113.85
others	3635.93
	total 12227.46

difference : in - out -1546.75

Location of assets

account / date	1/1/17 [Eur]	31/12/2017 [Eur]	difference [Eur]
ING current	2011.85	1943.39	-68.46
ING deposit	23300.80	21822.51	-1478.29
subtotal	25312.65	23765.90	-1546.75
VAT account	2198.41	2198.41	0.00
total	27511.06	25964.31	-1546.75

Balance

Results

IN

	2016	2017	budget 2017
	[Eur]	[Eur]	[Eur]
membership	3825.00	7150.00	4000.00
publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
subsidies	0.00	0.00	0.00
others	3392.48	3509.00	0.00
interests	22.80	21.71	20.00
total	7240.28	10680.71	4020.00

OUT

	2016	2017	budget 2017
	[Eur]	[Eur]	[Eur]
memberships	436.06	243.04	200.00
publications	4768.14	3735.18	4800.00
workshops	1000.00	3999.46	3000.00
secretariat	0.00	500.00	650.00
bank costs	94.85	113.85	100.00
others	3294.83	3635.93	300.00
total	9593.88	12227.46	9050.00
net result	310.25	-1546.75	-5030.00
total	7746.76	10680.71	4020.00

Balance

Assets

	1/1/17	31/12/2017
	[Eur]	[Eur]
ING current	2011.85	1943.39
ING deposit	23300.80	21822.51
subtotal	25312.65	23765.90
VAT account	2198.41	2198.41
total	27511.06	25964.31

Liabilities

	1/1/17	31/12/2017
	[Eur]	[Eur]
capital	24000.00	24000.00
reserves	5864.66	3511.06
net result	-2353.60	-1546.75
Total	27511.06	25964.31

Budget

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BUDGET 2018

IN

	2017	budget 2017	budget 2018
	[Eur]	[Eur]	[Eur]
membership	7150.00	4000.00	4000.00
publications	0.00	0.00	0.00
conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
subsidies	0.00	0.00	0.00
others	3509.00	0.00	0.00
interests	21.71	20.00	20.00
total	10680.71	4020.00	4020.00

OUT

	2017	budget 2017	budget 2018
	[Eur]	[Eur]	[Eur]
memberships	243.04	200.00	200.00
publications	3735.18	4800.00	4000.00
workshops	3999.46	3000.00	3000.00
secretariat	500.00	650.00	650.00
bank costs	113.85	100.00	125.00
others	3635.93	300.00	300.00
total	12227.46	9050.00	8275.00
net result	-1546.75	-5030.00	-4255.00
total	10680.71	4020.00	4020.00

Income

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<u>Income 2017</u>			situation as of 30/1/2018							
Nr	date	supplier	object	total amount	memberships	publications	conferences	subsidies	others	interests
1001	10-Feb-2017	KULeuven	Membership	200.00	200.00					
1002	10-Feb-2017	RMS	Membership	150.00	150.00					
1003	24-Feb-2017	ILV	Membership	150.00	150.00					
1004	3-Mar-2017	Marc Despontin	Membership	30.00	30.00					
1005	10-Mar-2017	VUB	Membership	200.00	200.00					
total	Trim 1			730.00	730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1006	1-Apr-2017	ING	Interests	1.71						1.71
1007	12-Apr-2017	Jean Passelecq	Membership	30.00	30.00					
1008	9-Jun-2017	Gerrit Janssens	Membership	30.00	30.00					
1009	20-Jun-2017	KULeuven	Membership ORBEL conference	5715.00	5715.00					
total	Trim 2			5776.71	5775.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.71
10010	12-Jul-2017	Jose Miguel Quesada Perez	Membership	30.00	30.00					
10011	21-Jul-2017	Hans Degroote	Membership	30.00	30.00					
10012	25-Jul-2017	Frank Plastria	Membership	30.00	30.00					
10013	26-Jul-2017	Philippe Chevalier	Membership	50.00	50.00					
10014	8-Aug-2017	Nico Vandaele	Membership	55.00	55.00					
10015	17-Aug-2017	ULB / SMG	Membership	175.00	175.00					
10016	19-Sep-2017	Herwig Bruneel	Membership 2017-2018	110.00	110.00					
10017	26-Sep-2017	Bernard De Baets	Membership	55.00	55.00					
total	Trim 3			535.00	535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10018	12-Oct-2017	Sabine Wittevrongel	Membership	55.00	55.00					
10019	16-Oct-2017	EURO	Les Bijoux de Marie-France	3509.00					3509.00	
10020	23-Nov-2017	Daniel De Wolf	Membership	55.00	55.00					
10021	31-Dec-2017	ING	Interests	20.00						20
total	Trim 4			3639.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3509.00	20.00
total	2017			10680.71	7150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3509.00	21.71

Expenses

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Expenses 2017

situation as of 30/1/2018

Nr	date	supplier	object	total amount	memberships	publications	conferences	secretariat	bank costs	others
101	2-Jan-2017	ING	Bank costs	113.85						113.85
102	1-Feb-2017	ULB	Secretariat 2015	500.00				500.00		
103	1-Feb-2017	OR Publications	Membership	150.00		150.00				
104	20-Feb-2017	UCL	StochMod	999.46			999.46			
105	21-Feb-2017	IFORS	Membership	143.04	143.04					
106	13-Mar-2017	Belgisch Staatsblad	Belgian monitor publication	126.93						126.93
total	Trim 1			2033.28	143.04	150.00	999.46	500.00	113.85	126.93
107	19-May-2017	Umons	Computers in Scientific Discovery 8	1000.00			1000.00			
total	Trim 2			1000.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
108	11-Jul-2017	EURO	Les Bijoux de Marie-France	3509.00						3509.00
109	11-Jul-2017	Ulysse	Website	36.30		36.30				
110	31-Aug-2017	KULeuven	Workshop	1000.00			1000.00			
total	Trim 3			4545.30	0.00	36.30	1000.00	0.00	0.00	3509.00
110	7-Oct-2017	KULeuven	Workshop	1000.00			1000.00			
111	16-Oct-2017	EURO	Membership	100.00	100.00					
112	16-Dec-2017	Springer	4OR	3548.88		3548.88				
total	Trim 4			4648.88	100.00	3548.88	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
total	2017			12227.46	243.04	3735.18	3999.46	500.00	113.85	3635.93

4OR: Activity report 2017

February 1, 2018

Editorial board

- « Belgian » editors: no changes.
- Editor-in-chief: Yves Crama (with Silvano Martello and Michel Grabisch).
- Senior editors: Frank Plastria and Thierry Marchant.
- Associate editors: Marc Pirlot, Kenneth Sörensen, Frits Spijksma, Dorothee Honhon.
- A couple of new international editors

Volume 15 (2017)

- 438 pages
- 2 invited surveys
- 16 research papers
- No industry paper, no educational paper
- 8 PhD theses abstracts (4 theses defended in Belgian universities)
- Trend: research papers: up; theses abstract: stable; other categories: down

Facts and figures

- Impact factor 2016 (published in June 2017): 1.559 (up from 0.323 for 2011 and 1.37 for 2015)
- Acceptance rate: around 10% in 2015-2017. Rejection rate remains extremely high – but number of quality submissions is increasing, too, and resubmission is encouraged for some rejected papers.
- Increasing number of (published) papers from outside Europe (China, Iran, Brazil). B-I-F account for 22% of published research papers.
- Overall picture: rather quiet year, mostly business as usual, with improved quality and visibility.

OR Publications

Activity Report for the year 2017

1 Main activity

The only activity of the GEIE OR-Publications has been to hold the rights on the name of the journal 4OR, published by Springer, and to maintain the website 4or.be.

2 Financial situation

The financial situation of ORP is simple and healthy. ORP has only one bank account (Belfius, IBAN: BE43 7775 9534 9401, BIC: GKCCBEBB). Here is an overview of the income and expenses over the past year.

balance on January 31, 2017	65.89 EUR
contribution AIRO	150.00 EUR
contribution ORBEL	150.00 EUR
bank fees	26.42 EUR
balance on January 31, 2018	339.47 EUR

As a reminder, a contribution of 150.00 EUR from RAIRO had been received before January 31, 2017, and had been accounted for in the balance on that date.

Yves Crama, manager

February 1, 2018

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General Assembly meeting at HEC Liège on Thursday Feb. 1st, 2018 Annual report of activities in 2017

Dear Chairman, Dear Members of the Administration Board, Dear Members of ORBEL,

As now traditional I will first be giving headlines on the ORBEL 31 conference at KU Leuven Brussel Campus, the ORBEL and Wolsey awards 2017, and news from other activities of our society in 2017.

The 31st yearly national ORBEL conference on Operations Research was organised by our administrators Jeroen Beliën (Conference chair) and Dries Goossens (Programme chair) at the KU Leuven Campus Brussels on Thursday & Friday February 2-3, 2017. Many thanks to them and their committees for the very successful conference with an important attendance: 152 participants (53 regular and retired and 99 students). Two distinguished invited plenary speakers took the floor: James J. Cochran Head of the Department of Information Systems, Statistics and Management Science at the University of Alabama with the very refreshing talk “Active learning in the modern Operations Research classroom: reengaging and reenergizing your students and their instructor!”, and Marco Lübbecke, Chair of Operations Research at the RWTH Aachen University, with the talk “Branch-and-price” dealing with optimisation problems with an enormous number of variables. The conference dinner took place in Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, at a stone-throw from the Campus and Brussel’s Market Square. The conference result brought an excellent net profit of 2800 Euro and in addition 2915 Euro of ORBEL membership fees.

The ORBEL and the Wolsey awards were as now traditional received during the conference.

The ORBEL 2017 award sponsored by OM Partners with 1000 EURO award is bestowed on the author(s) of a scientifically oriented Master’s thesis presented in 2016. The jury, presided by Frits Spieksma, selected among four very valuable candidates Lisa D’haeseleer of Ghent with her thesis entitled ‘Central allocation of pupils to schools’; her promoter was Dries Goossens. Note that this is the last time that Frits will be chairing the award jury: Jeroen Beliën has accepted to take over from 2018 on.

Thank you very much Jeroen on behalf of ORBEL!

The Wolsey award organised by N-side is rewarded each year with an iPad and a full registration to the ORBEL conference to the author(s) of the best and most significant OR implementation contributing to Open-Source. The laureate for the Wolsey award 2017 was Guillaume Derval of UCL with his work ‘Oscar-Modeling, a modeling layer for Oscar including transparent parallelism’.

Congratulations to both laureates!

Regarding 4OR, the Editor-In-Chief Yves Crama will provide for the minutes the activity report on Volume 15 published in 2017.

In 2017 three activities were organised by members of the ORBEL administration board, and received a financial support from ORBEL.

- Urban Public Transport Operations Research Seminar 2017, organised by Pieter Vansteenwegen in KU Leuven on 29th September 2017.
- Computer in Scientific Discovery 8, organised by Hadrien Mélot in UMONS on 23-26 August 2017 gathering researchers making connections between mathematics, computer science, chemistry, biology and physics.
- 12th International Workshop on Cutting, Packing and Related Topics, organised by Tony Wauters in KU Leuven (campus Gent) on 23-26 August 2017.

EURO-News:

- In 2017 Túlio Toffolo (KUL) was selected by EURO to attend ELAVIO XXI, Latin-American Summer School in Operations Research, which took place in Buenos Aires and Miramar (Argentina) from February 24th to March 4th, 2017. His report is available on https://www.euro-online.org/media_site/reports/ELAVIO_17_Toffolo.pdf
- Martine Labbé (ULB) was EURO Plenary Speaker at IFORS 2017 in Quebec City.
- Greet Vanden Berghe (KU Leuven) will be chairing the Program Committee of EURO 2018 in Valencia next July 2018.

This 2017 report will be my last contribution to ORBEL as Delegate Administrator. Of course, I will continue as a member of the board and member of our society.

I would like to thank you all for your contributions to our society, in particular our president Michaël Schyns; Frits Spijksma for organizing over so many years and for the last time in 2017 the ORBEL award; Bernard Fortz, our treasurer for many years, who also wishes to be replaced from 2018 on; thank you, Bernard, for your past and on-going work, also as liaison officer with EURO and IFORS, and for organising in next September OR2018 with the German OR society; Yves Crama the Belgian 4OR editor-in-chief; Pieter Vansteenwegen for his active work as ORBEL secretary; Filip Van Utterbeek, hosting our meetings at the Royal Military Academy.

On behalf of our society I wish you all a very happy and successful year 2018!

Pierre Kunsch, Delegate Administrator till today Feb. 1st 2018