

EWG-BOR MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2017 via SKYPE for BUSINESS

(hosted by Aalto University) 9.00-11.00 am

Present: Alberto Franco (AF), Raimo Hamalainen (RH), Tuomas Lahtinen (TL), Judit Lienert (JL), Vincent Mousseau (VM), Etienne Rouwette (ER), Johannes Siebert (JS), Rudolf Vetschera (RV), Jyrki Wallenius (JW –via phone only),

Apologies: Ana Barros (AB), Andreas Größler (AG), Susan Howick (SH), Gilberto Montibeller (GM)

MB.17.1.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted.

MB.17.1.2 Welcome and introductions

RH welcomed Board (MB) members, who then introduced themselves and their interests in relation to BOR.

MB.17.1.3 Board's terms of reference and operation

AF gave a short presentation about the Board's term of reference, and how it will operate. There will be a Management Board (MB) and a Coordinating Board (CB). MB will meet twice a year (see below) and the CB will meet more regularly (dates/times to be agreed by CB members when there is need for a meeting).

ACTION: AF/RH to continue liaising with EURO/IFORS to finalise the details of the next MB meeting that will take place during the IFORS conference (most likely to be on Monday 18 July at lunch time). Once details are confirmed, AF/RH to inform the MB.

ACTION: RH to organise a doodle poll with CB members to agree on a date/time for first meeting of the CB.

The EWG-BOR proposal approved by EURO states the composition of both the MB and CB. The former is fixed for the time being, whereas the latter will get renewed every three years. CB members do not need to be in the MB, but only members of a EURO OR Society can join the CB.

It was agreed that two bi-annual EWG-BOR workshops will be organised, one in summer and one in winter, as follows:

- A EWG-BOR Summer Workshop will precede every EURO-k conference, and will usually take place in the same location of the EURO-k conference. VM mentioned the need to involve local people to help organise these summer workshops. There was no discussion about whether to run or not a EWG-BOR Summer Workshop when there is no EURO-k conference. Similarly, there was no discussion about where to run the MB meeting for when there is no EURO-k conference.

ACTION: MB to discuss whether to run or not a EWG-BOR Summer Workshop when there is no EURO-k conference at the next board meeting (in Quebec).

ACTION: MB to discuss where to run the MB for when there is no EURO-k conference at the next board meeting (in Quebec).

- A EWG-BOR Winter Workshop will be organised in a suitable location sometime between January and February.

It was also agreed that a triennial EWG-BOR Summer School will be organised, around May-June, and in the same year of the IFORS-k conferences.

MB17.1.4 EWG-BOR planned activities for 2017

AF reported on the BOR stream at the forthcoming IFORS conference (Quebec, 17-21 July). The stream good with 10 sessions and 40 presentations planned. A request has been made to the IFORS organisers to timetable the stream Monday-Wednesday. AF/RH informed board members IFORS/EURO have been contacted to support a request to organise a EWG-BOR celebratory launch event right at the end of the conference sessions scheduled for the Monday of the conference. This event will be open to all MB members and BOR Stream presenters, and will be advertised using the BOR emailing list and web portal.

ACTION: AF/RH to seek confirmation from EURO/IFORS about details of the celebratory launch event at IFORS. Once confirmed, AF/RH to inform the board; and TL/JS to advertise the event.

AF also reported that there will be a BOR stream at the next UK OR Society Annual Conference (Loughborough, 12-14 September). The UK OR Society also sponsors a BOR Special Interest Group that meets twice a year. The next meeting will take place on 28 June at The Shard in London, and will include a combination of talks and interactive activities. AF encourage MB members to share news about local BOR-related activities.

ACTION: ALL MB members to share news regarding BOR-related activities organised by other European OR Societies.

MB17.1.5 EWG-BOR planned activities for 2018-19

JL gave an update regarding the 2-day EWG-BOR Winter Workshop to be hosted by Eawag (Switzerland). JL will confirm exact dates but likely to be sometime in February 2018 (before 20th). A tentative format for the workshop needs to be agreed and a budget must be prepared in due course.

ACTION: JL to liaise with ER (as BOR Treasurer) and RV (as someone with experience of organising EWG workshops) to prepare a budget. JL and AF to discuss possible formats for the workshop asap, as this will inform preparation of the budget. Once budget is finalised, ER will be send it to EURO.

It was agreed that a 2-day EWG-BOR Summer Workshop 2018 will run just before the EURO 2018 in Valencia (8-11 July). A possibility is to run the workshop Saturday 7 July - Sunday 8 July (or Friday 6 July – Saturday 7 July). Involving local people to help with the organisation will be essential.

ACTION: AF to liaise with EURO 2018 organisers and, together with ER, prepare a budget/format based on the Eawag workshop. AF will also explore who can be involved locally.

RV presented a proposal to tie the EWG-BOR Summer Workshop 2019 to the GDN Conference that year, which would be hosted by Loughborough University. RV had made initial enquiries with GDN about this possibility and got positive feedback. AF confirmed that Loughborough would be keen on organising such an event, provided he can assemble the right team. There is time to do plan for this, and also for defining the format for the workshop. GDN is an INFORMS division that includes BOR-related topics, and its journal has a new behavioural department (co-)run by RH. The GDN conference is a 5-day conference that includes a PhD symposium running just before the start of the conference, and there is usually enough space in the conference timetable to embed workshop activities within it. The most likely dates for the event would be sometime between end of May and end of June 2019. This proposal would mean that we would not tie the BOR workshop to the EURO conference on that year (which takes place in Dublin, 23-26 June)

ACTION: RV/AF to follow up on this proposal and report at the next MB meeting in Quebec.

The second BOR Summer School will now in 2020, the year in which IFORS (Seoul, South Korea) will take place. The host for the summer school will not be Loughborough as originally intended due to the plans for 2019 (see above), so candidate locations need to be discussed by MB at the earliest opportunity.

ACTION ALL MB members to share views about possible hosts/locations for the second BOR Summer School in 2020.

MB17.1.6 AOB

VM proposed to explore ways to work closely with the EURO Journal of Decision Processes (EJDP). Like EURO and GDN, EJDP seems a natural and suitable outlet for BOR papers.

ACTION: ALL MB members to explore ways to work with EJDP at the next MB meeting in Quebec.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17 July 2017, IFORS conference, Quebec, (time and room tbc)