Minutes of HAPOC 1st General Assembly held during HaPoC 3
Pisa, Museo San Matteo, 9 October 2015, 17:00-18:00

1. Opening
Giuseppe Primiero introduced the meeting, where ca. 20 participants of HaPoC in Pisa were present.

2. History of HaPoC
Giuseppe shortly recalled the history of HaPoC from the conference organized by him and Liesbeth de Mol in Gent in November 2011. After this conference, there was a general impression, shared by the organizers and the participants, that the initiative is viable and should continue. At this point, steering committee was formed (Liesbeth De Mol, Giuseppe Primiero, Gerard Alberts, Benedikt Löwe, Raymond Turner, Helena Durnová).
As a next step, some form of institutionalization was sought. A proposal was made to DHST of the IUHPST, which was approved by the DHST General Assembly in July 2013 (Manchester, UK). Further, a proposal was made to the DLMPS (now DLMPST) of IUHPST, which was approved in August 2015 (Helsinki, FI). HaPoC is thus an interdivisional commission of the IUHPST.

3. HaPoC conferences and related activities
The series of HaPoC international conferences (major events of the commission) continued with HaPoC 2 held in Paris, 28-31 October 2013 and HaPoC 3, held in Pisa, 8-11 October 2015.
Other events of the commission include:
- History and Philosphy of Programming (HaPoP)- every other year, alternating with HaPoC they were held in Birmingham in 2012 (HaPoP 1), in London in 2014 (HaPoP 2); the next one is planned in Paris in June 2016, collocated with CiE conference (HaPoP 3)
 - Special sessions at Computability in Europe conference (2013 Milano, 2014 Budapest, 2015 Bucarest, 2016 Paris): speakers for these sessions are selected and invited by people (usually two) delegated by the commission
- Special sessions at DHST and DLMPST: the commission promised to present itself in each of the conferece that happens every four years each (2013, 2017 etc. for DHST, 2015, 2019 etc. for DLMPST)

4. HaPoC-supported publications
e.g. special issues from Gent 2011: selected contributions were or soon will be published in the journals *Philosophy and Technolog*,and *History and Philosophy of Logic*

5. Website: hapoc.org
Giuseppe Primiero invited the present members to contribute to the website, which should be a co-creation of HaPoC community, informing about pertinent conferences, publications, etc.
From the events coming up, the DHST congress in Rio de Janeiro in summer 2017 was mentioned again. This should be an opportunity to extend membership of HaPoC outside of Europe.

6. Membership
Membership of HaPoC is free of charge and anyone can apply for it through the website. There are so far 145 members (mostly from Europe, but also from the US, Japan, and India), with a wide scope of interest. Academic affiliation is not a condition.
So far, a majority of members are in Europe and we are looking for ways to change it. One opportunity will be the HaPoC symposium at ICHST 2017 in Rio. We are currently working on coordinating this symposium with people based in Rio. Already one organizer, Henrique Cukierman, who works in the sociology and history of computing and is based at UFRJ, has confirmed he is willing to help us organize this symposium. Any other ideas to extend the network are warmly welcome.

7. General discussion
Question: ***Fabio Gadducci:*** Should we try connect with a sister society in the US?

Answer: ***Giuseppe Primiero***: so far, we have no strategy, but we are spreading the word about the existence of HaPoC;

Helena Durnová: there is probably no sister society; ***Robin Hill*** confirms this

Tomáš Petříček: suggested that HaPoP could be collocated with ACM history of programming languages conferences; accepted as a good idea

Fabio Gadducci suggested organizitn the next HaPoC in the US, but also warned that the number of (European?) participants might drop considerably

8. Budget
Details skipped during discussion due to absence of a beamer.
Giuseppe Primiero informs that the small yearly amounts of money from DHST are mostly used for travel grants for PhD students and independent scholars and also on the organization of conferences

9. HaPoC 4 – in 2017

9a. Discussion on timing of HaPoC 2017:
The HaPoC steering committe /council imposes some very general restrictions on the conference, from these, the most important is the idea of no parallel sessions
No strict opinion was voiced as to the time when HaPoC should be held; ***Simon Modeste*** suggested the summer is perceived as a time for the conferences from our major branches, which supports the idea of having HaPoC – as an interdisciplinary conference – in the autumn.

9b. Discussion about collocation of HaPoC with another conference
We are on the look-out for organizers; one idea: collocation with CiE 2016 in Turku – late June or early July; this invokes another question, should we move the conference to the summer?

Tomáš Petříček asked for information about CiE conference series; explained by Giuseppe Primiero: it connects currents of the computer science (algorithms, computability, recursion). The past CiE president, Barry Cooper, is very suportive of history and philosophy of computing.

Felice Cardone pointed out that CiE is more oriented towards logic.

Giuseppe Primiero informs that HaPoP 3 in Paris, 25 June 2016 will focus on operating systems

Giuseppe Primiero: stressed again that HaPoC is an openplatform and anybody organizing HaPoC-related events can ask for support. Also, the information about such activities will reach more people through the website. The more we co-ordinate, the better.
The medium of this is primarily the hapoc.org website, which should be lively. There are two interesting sections that added recently: *Publications*, and *Blog*.

10. Voting:
Change of the bylaws, acknowledging that HaPoC is now interdivisional commission – ***agreed***
Change of the status to interdivisional commission – ***agreed***

11. Miscellaneous

Discussion started by Giuseppe Primiero to possibly change the current status of membership (free of charge, registration through the website) was not picked up.

There will be elections to the HaPoC council during the next HaPoC General Assembly. Registered members can nominate and be nominated. The details and particularities of the voting will be circulated two months before the next conference; we will be electing the President, Vice-President, and council members.

In order to allow voting through e-mail, there will be a change of the bylaws to that effect.
Last remark: please, fill in announcements about (future events) and publications at the website.
The first HaPoC GA was closed at 18:00 sharp.