

CEIC Activity Report 2010

Meetings

The report on the February 2010 meeting of CEIC in Minneapolis already appeared in IMU Bulletin 57, and there were no further meetings of CEIC in 2010.

Best Current Practices for Journals

This document had been drafted at the February 2010 CEIC meeting by CEIC together with Professor Douglas Arnold (University of Minnesota). It was subsequently sent to various stakeholders for comment, revised, and submitted to the IMU Executive Committee, who agreed that it should be considered at the IMU General Assembly in Bangalore. There was a lively debate at the General Assembly, which endorsed the document subject to minor changes being approved by the IMU Executive Committee, which duly happened. The document is available on the IMU website and also appeared in the January 2011 issue of the Notices of the American Mathematical Society.

Round Table on The Use of Metrics in Evaluating Research.

This Round Table, which had been organized by CEIC, was held at ICM 2010 in Hyderabad. An edited transcript has appeared in the ICM Proceedings.

Terms of Reference.

The following updated terms of reference of CEIC were approved by the IMU Executive Committee at its meeting in Bangalore prior to the General Assembly:

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(a) Reporting regularly to the EC, advising it on aspects of IMU operations related to information and communication, including financial implications, and keeping it informed of new developments.

(b) Reviewing the development of electronic information, communication, publication, and archiving so as to keep the EC abreast of current and emerging issues. Publicising relevant developments to the wider community via IMU on the Web and other methods.

(c) Advising the EC about potential opportunities to endorse standards ('best practice recommendations') on issues related to publication and communication, including such matters as the use of software and data repositories.

(d) Advising the EC about potential opportunities to foster the growth of electronic infrastructure, and selectively creating tools for this purpose.

Retirements and new members.

The following members of CEIC left the Committee at the end of 2010: John Ball, Michael Doob, Ulf Rehmann, and were replaced by Thierry Bouche, László Lovász (EC representative), and Ravi Vakil. The committee for the period 2011-14 is thus:

Peter Olver (Chair), Thierry Bouche, Olga Caprotti, James Davenport, Carol Hutchins, László Lovász, Ravi Vakil.

John Ball, 21 June 2011.