

Minutes of the NEST General Assembly 2016

Location: Forschungszentrum Informatik, Karlsruhe
Date and time: 3 November 2016, 17.40–18.45
Attending: Marc-Oliver Gewaltig, Mikael Djurfeldt, Hans Ekkehard Plesser, Jochen Eppler, Susanne Kunkel, Markus Diesmann, Alex Peyser, Alex Seeholzer (VC, until 18.25), Wolfram Schenck (VC), Dennis Terhorst (guest)

1. Formalities

- a. Election of meeting chair: Hans Ekkehard Plesser (unanimous)
- b. Election of minute taker: Hans Ekkehard Plesser and Dennis Terhorst (unanimous)
- c. Confirmation that meeting is convened in accordance with statutes (unanimous)
- d. Agenda approved unanimously

2. Annual report of the board

- NEST now well established in HBP, nice response in Florence, T7.5.5 as constant contact point (NEST funding ~6FTE)
- Move to Github very successful, copyright transfer is taken care of by HEP
- Github reviews work well, we require two positive reviews before merge; more and more external reviewers are participating
- Trying keep number of open PRs below 20, 170 PRs merged since October
- 150 issues is too much, new scheme for labels to be phased in soon
- Old trac is completely shut down
- Last release 2.10 was at end of 201, decided to do 2.12 with deprecation warnings for functions to be removed in NEST 3, aim to release by end of year
- Need more frequent releases, consider tagging versions on demand for reference
- Another NESTML workshop coming up, had NEST session at hbp summit
- 20 NEST-based publications registered on website during the past year
- Broadening development: NEST/NESTML/NESTMC (not be a single sw initiative)

3. Financial report for 2015

Treasurer Marc-Oliver Gewaltig presented the financial report (see attachment).

4. Report by the controllers on the financial report for 2015

The controllers, Susanne Kunkel and Wolfram Schenck, reported that they had checked the account statements and accompanying documentation and found all in order. They recommended that the General Assembly approves the financial report and discharges the board of its responsibility for the previous financial year.

5. Discharging the board of its responsibility for the previous financial year

The General Assembly voted unanimously to discharge the board of its responsibility for the previous financial year.

6. Election of the Board

Hans Ekkehard Plesser was unanimously elected as president of the NEST Initiative for two years.

Abigail Morrison, Markus Diesmann and Marc-Oliver Gewaltig were unanimously elected as board members for two years.

7. Election of controllers for the next financial year.

Susanne Kunkel and Wolfram Schenck were unanimously elected.

8. Activities in 2017

- Increase membership in the Initiative
 - Provide benefits, eg lower registration fee for NEST workshop
 - Attempt to recruit active developers and members of laboratories using NEST
- NEST User Workshop 2017 (responsibility: Marc-Oliver Gewaltig)
 - Late June 2017 near Pavia, Italy; local organizer Egidio d'Angelo
 - Introduce participant fee to fund catering etc
 - Move more towards small conference style
- Consider community workshop at EITN
- Ensure presence at summer schools (responsibility: Markus Diesmann)
- Explore possibilities for SfN satellite event to increase presence in US, possibly presence as guests at SfN booth of HBP or others
- Web presence
 - Have offer from Webschleppdienst, 720€ one time for migration, then 330 €/year for operation
 - Exceeds our financial capabilities significantly
- How to boost income?
 - Explore PayPal donate button (responsibility Marc-Oliver Gewaltig)
- Adopting other software under NEST Initiative umbrella
 - Candidates: NESTML, NESTMC
 - Focus on technology development and reference implementations

- Do not compromise on quality standards: quality, openness, copyright transfer, publication of underlying concepts, participation in open developer meetings
- Be restrictive with adoption of new projects to maintain clear profile

9. Membership dues for 2017

The General Assembly decided unanimously that the membership fee for 2017 is EUR 25. Students, including PhD students, are exempt from membership dues.

10. Any other business

None.

The meeting was closed at 18.45.

Hans Ekkehard Plesser and Dennis Terhorst
Meeting Chair and Minute Takers

NEST Initiative

Jahresbericht 2016

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1. Allgemeines

2016 war das vierte Geschäftsjahr der NEST Initiative. Abgerechnet wird über den Zeitraum 6. Dezember 2015 bis 30. Oktober 2016.

2. Beitragseinnahmen

Die erwarteten Beitragseinnahmen für 2016 betragen 250,- CHF.

Die Ausstände aus den vergangenen Jahren betragen 150,- CHF.

Bis zum 30.10.2016 wurden Beiträge in Höhe von 50,- CHF und Spenden in Höhe von 100,- CHF eingezahlt.

Es stehen somit Beiträge in Höhe von 350,- CHF aus.

Das Konto erzielte in diesem Jahr keine Zinseinnahmen, da der Basiszinssatz in der Schweiz zur Zeit negativ ist.

3. Ausgaben

Die Ausgaben im Geschäftsjahr betragen 14,28 EUR für die Domäne *nest-simulator.org*.

Des weiteren fielen 60 CHF Kontoführungsgebühren an.

4. Vereinsvermögen

Zum 30. Oktober 2016 betrug das Guthaben des Vereinskontos **486,20 CHF**.

5. Mitglieder

Die NEST Initiative hat 12 aktive Mitglieder von denen zwei vom Beitrag befreit sind.

Ich beantrage den Vorstand zu entlasten.

Marc-Oliver Gewaltig
(Kassenwart)