ERCIM new organisational structure

At the first general assembly of the ERCIM (European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics) association (AISBL) in Trondheim, Norway, 10 June 2011, decided on a major organisational restructuring.

The new organisation restructuring, create an important change in ERCIM’s membership policy which is coinciding with the creation of ERCIM AISBL. ERCIM is now open to multiple members per country while retaining its membership criteria of excellence and active participation. The aim is to build a strong European community of research organisations to promote science, research and innovation.

For more than 20 years, ERCIM has operated as a grouping of members and associates, one per country, working cooperatively. During recent years, the number of European research organisations in information and communication technologies and applied mathematics has increased considerably. ERCIM is evolving to maintain its position as the main recognized expert grouping in Europe and to increase its impact on European strategy and policy.

The ERCIM community, continuing its mission ‘Cooperating for Excellence in Research’, is now supported by two organisations: The ERCIM association (AISBL) and the ERCIM European Economic Interest Group (EEIG).

ERCIM AISBL
The ERCIM not-for-profit international association is carrying out and supervising all scientific activities of ERCIM.

ERCIM EEIG
The ERCIM European Economic Interest Group is composed of a subset of members from the association, hosting the ERCIM office and the European branch of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

During the first general assembly, the association elected the board of the association composed of the following members:

- President: Keith Jeffery, Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), UK
- Vice-President: Domenico Laforenza, Institute for Informatics and Telematics (IIT) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR), Italy
- Treasurer: Dick Broekhuis, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI), The Netherlands
- Secretary: Jerzy Tiuryn, University of Warsaw, Poland

and in addition:
- Dimitris Plexousakis, Institute of Computer Science, Foundation for Research and Technology (FORTH) – Hellas, Greece and Patrick Furrer, Swiss Association for Research in Information Technology (SARIT), Switzerland, jointly responsible for scientific aspects (projects, working groups)
- Claude Kirchner, INRIA, France, responsible for human capital
- Andreas Rauber, AARIT, Austria, responsible for outreach.

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