MINUTES IACR MEMBERSHIP MEETING *ASIACRYPT'17*

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Opening. At 17.39 Cachin opens the meeting. He hands over to Takagi for the program chairs' report.

President's Overview. Cachin gives an overview of the IACR, including its membership, publications, and activities. In particular he draws attention to a number of recent changes and thanks McCurley for his efforts maintaining the IACR's video channel.

Treasurer's Report. LaMacchia presents the financial report of 2016. LaMacchia suggests to keep the membership fees as before. He mentions that while the IACR now accepts bitcoins for registrations, these are actually directly processed by Stripe, the company handling registration payments.

McCurley asks whether LaMacchia is aware of guidelines recommending a size for the endowment as a function of the number or members. LaMacchia responds that the Board has an investment committee that will clarify an investment strategy.

Further Reports. Cachin presents the Membership Secretary report on behalf of Stebila. Yu reports the current state and recent changes to the IACR's online offerings.

Open Floor. Cachin explains the newly instigated policy regarding conflict of interests for reviewers. He opens the floor for comments.

- Galbraith asks how the new CoI rules will be enforced. Cachin mentions that the submissions system is being updated so authors can indicate their conflicts. Program chairs have a responsibility as well. The system cannot automatically check for conflicts involving subreviewers.
- Yu asks whether authors can flag a PC member as a CoI, simply because they wish to avoid that PC member as a reviewer. Cachin mentions that that is not the intention of the new system and the scenario will be explicitly addressed in the guidelines.
- McCurley asks whether any work is going on to capture affiliation in a canonical way. Cachin says this is a good suggestion.

Subsequently, Cachin widens the floor to general matters.

- There is a request to ensure the order in which reviews appear to authors (for rebuttals) is consistent with the order of reviews as the PC members see them. Mennink suggests that program chairs clarify, in their email to authors, how to refer to the individual reviewers in a rebuttal.

Calendar. Cachin gives an update of the future events sponsored by the IACR.

Closing. Cachin thanks everyone for their attendance and closes the meeting at 18.30.