

Minutes of the General Assembly of BONSAI 2018-06-14 16:00 CEST via GoToMeeting

1) Opening

Bo Weidema opened the General Assembly on behalf of the Board, noting that the General Assembly had been called via LinkedIn and direct mail to the members on 18th of May 2018, and that the General Assembly therefore is validly constituted.

2) Activity report from the Board and management

Bo Weidema gave the following report on the activities since the last General Assembly:

BONSAI has been presented as part of the scientific programme at the Conferences of the LCM 2017 conference in Luxembourg in September.

BONSAI has been present at the 9th and 10th plenary meetings of the Research Data Alliance in Barcelona (April, represented by Bo Weidema and our Executive Manager, Dr. Michele De Rosa) and Montreal (September, represented by Pascal Lesage). Reports from these meetings are available at <https://bonsai.uno/wp-content/uploads/Report-from-9th-RDA-plenary-April-2017-in-Barcelona.pdf> and www.linkedin.com/groups/6808595/6808595-6323615967368798210. In 2018, Andreas Ciroth unfortunately had to cancel his participation in the 11th plenary.

In 2018, Michele De Rosa has attended the EUDAT conference in Porto, and Chris Mutel will be at the iEIMs conference in Fort Collins (June).

From the BONSAI developer community, the following progress can be noted:

- In relation to (unsuccessful) EU funding applications, the [wiki](#) has been somewhat updated, but there is still room for making specifications more concrete.
- The developer community has begun meeting more regularly to identify concrete areas of work
- The community has identified the development of correspondence tables as a common area of interest and as a priority
- A BONSAI shared google drive folder has been created with relevant files (including correspondence tables)

From related projects, the following can be noted:

- The OASES project has started (Chris Mutel, 3 Ph.Ds), see <http://www.nfp73.ch/en/projects/supply-chain/open-assessment-of-swiss-economy-and-society>
- Aalborg University supports a BONSAI-inspired data lab project with approximately 500.000 Euro over the next 4 years. Bo Weidema and Agneta Ghose will start working on this already from this fall.
- EXIOBASE is now available with share-alike license, so that it can be used for our initial experimentation with hybridisation in RDF.



- The GLAD (UNEP-led government initiative on LCA data interoperability) has launched their website (globalcadataaccess.org)
- The U.S. Government's open data are available at <https://www.data.gov/open-gov/>

Mark Goedkoop reported on the CDLCI project of PRé consultants, intending to provide open core LCI data. The project is still in the planning phase.

The planned BONSAI Working Groups have not been active in 2017. A re-launch of some of the groups is planned for 2019.

The activity report was approved.

3) Review and approval of accounts 2017

BONSAI still has only few formal (paying) members. The income from membership fees was 313 Euro. Expenditures were mainly to cover travel costs (RDA, EUDAT, etc.) and amounted to 2554 Euro. The equity ultimo 2016 is 2492 Euro.

The accounts were approved.

4) Election of Board members

Four Board members are up for election: Andreas Ciroth, Bo Weidema, Pascal Lesage and Richard Wood. Richard Wood wishes to step down, while the others were willing to stand for re-election. Chris Mutel stepped up as new candidate. Without more candidates than places to fill, the Board was elected with applause.

5) Membership fees for 2019

It was decided to maintain the same membership fee level for 2019 as in 2018, namely 150 Euro. It was noted that several members, including Board members, are currently in payment deficit.

6) Discussion and adoption of recommendations for the Board

Chris Mutel has been contributing his recommendation in the form of a blog-post at <https://chris.mutel.org/bonsai-candidacy.html>

A central issue for BONSAI is how best to coordinate the efforts of LCA community and data community. It was agreed that the best way currently seems to be to attend and present at conferences and other events of these two communities.

7) Any other business

No further business.

The meeting was closed at 17:00 CEST.