

# Swiss Chapter of the International System Dynamics Society: Minutes of the 27<sup>nd</sup> meeting

## *Time and place:*

18.10.2010; 18.30-20.00; ETH Zurich

## *Participants:*

Markus Schwaninger, Marcel Wick, Birgit Kopainsky, Louis Gerber, Christoph Trauffer, Giuseppe Feola Heinz Mutzner, Beatriz Vidondo

Lukas Schmid (minutes), Justus Gallati (chair)

*Absent with excuse:* Peter Vrhofec, Cécile Emery, Thomas Beck, Sylvelin Hartjen, Peter Ador, Matthias Müller, Katrin Hügel, Marcel Loher

## *Agenda:*

1. Welcome address
2. Presentation by Beatriz Vidondo
3. Swiss Chapter: A Thank You and a Look Ahead
4. Seminar in 2011
5. SD Conference 2010 and 2012
6. Chapter Meetings in 2011
7. Closing

## Results/Resolutions

### 2 **Presentation by Beatriz Vidondo**

Beatriz Vidondo from the Federal Office of Public Health gave an interesting presentation about: "IT Tools for infectious diseases outbreak preparedness and decision making".

Beatriz presented a range of interesting simulation tools for the simulation of infectious diseases like HIV, smallpox etc. The underlying modeling paradigms were system dynamic, agent based as well as hybrid models.

Links:

- <http://www.gleamviz.org/>
- <http://www.influsim.info/>

### 3 **Swiss Chapter: A Thank You and a Look Ahead**

Justus Gallati thanked the former co-presidents Thomas Beck and Stefan Grösser for their engagement and welcomed the participants in the name of the new co-presidents.

Justus presented some new ideas about possible themes of the Swiss Chapter (i.e. open source philosophy, growing sd-teaching scene, etc.). The main point however will be continuity regarding the past achievements.

### 4 **Seminar 2010**

Justus Gallati suggested possible topics for the upcoming seminar (spring 2011) including: Model validation, Modeling soft variables, Participatory modeling, Simulation software, Teaching systems modeling.

The participants decided that the topic about teaching systems modeling and the development of a helpful web platform for sharing information would be desirable for the next seminar.

5	<p><b>SD Conference 2010 and 2012</b></p> <p>Justus Gallati presented some comments by Matthias Müller concerning the SD-Conference in Seoul 2010. The extremely positive impression was confirmed and complemented by Birgit Kopainsky.</p> <p>Markus Schwaninger gave a short presentation of the 2012 SD-Conference which will be held in St.Gallen.</p> <p>Date: 22.7 – 26.7.2012  Theme: Model Based Management  Program Chair: David Lane and Elke Husemann (London School of Economics)  Organisation Chair: Stefan Grösser</p> <p>The specific role of the Swiss Chapter will be discussed with Markus Schwaninger and the co-presidents within the next months. However ideas and especially volunteers are welcome and should contact directly Markus Schwaninger.</p>
6	<p><b>Chapter Meetings 2011</b></p> <p>The chapter meetings for 2011 are the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>17. January</b>, 18.30 – 20.00, ETH Zürich, HG F <b>33.5</b></li> <li>- <b>2. May</b>, 18.30 – 20.00, ETH Zürich, HG F <b>33.1</b></li> <li>- <b>July</b>, SD-Conference in Washington DC</li> <li>- <b>24. October</b>, 18.30 – 20.00, ETH Zürich, HG F <b>33.1</b></li> </ul>