

General Assembly BFAS July 8th 2017, Xi'an, China
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* Thierry opens the general assembly by recalling the role of the BFAS society. He then gives information about the next BELIEF conference (BELIEF 2018), which will be held in Compiègne, France, in September 2018, together with the SMPS (Soft Methods in Probability and Statistics) conference. The next school will take place in 2019, at a location to be decided (some possibilities: Italy, Thailand, England). Thierry recalls some related conferences where members are encouraged to propose special sessions on belief functions. Given the popularity of belief functions in China, the creation of an Asian and/or Chinese chapter of the society is encouraged.

* Arnaud presents the 2016 budget, which is approved by a unanimity vote.

* Thierry mentions that the society may fund visiting projects proposed by society members, on the condition that the topic is in line with the aim the society (promoting and developing belief functions). The fundings will be decided on a case by case basis by the board of the society. The modalities for submission will be posted on the society's web site.

* Thierry announces that elections for the renewal of half the board (5 members out of 10) will be held before the end of the year. He recalls that each member of the board is elected for a 4-year term, and half of the board is renewed every two years. Any society member can apply, and all members have the right to vote.

* Sebastien remarks that a mailing list would be useful to allow discussion among society members. (The LinkedIn group is open to non members.) David will study the implementation of such a list.