

Our First ExCom Meeting of 2019



The first Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting of 2019 of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (CIS) was held on March 24, 2019 at the Jupiter Lisboa Hotel in Lisbon, a very beautiful city, the capital of Portugal. As usual, we had a packed list of agenda items. We began at 8:00 AM and finished at about 6:30 PM. To give some idea of how such a meeting is run and why it requires so much time, let me explain that activities of CIS are divided into six major heads: Finances, Publications, Memberships, Education, Technical Activities, and Conferences. Each of these areas is led by a Vice-President. These six Vice Presidents, the President-Elect/Past-President, and the President constitute the ExCom.

During any ExCom meeting, every member makes a presentation giving the present status in his/her area of activities, explains the future plans, and more importantly, almost every member brings up some proposals/issues that require intense discussion. I have been serving this committee for a long time, initially as the Vice President for Publications for four years, then as the President-Elect for one year, and have been chairing this committee for about one and a half year. I must acknowledge that I am extremely fortunate to get associated with such a wonderful team. Everyone is an outstanding volunteer. We all are very good friends. We argue intensively about issues and obviously sometimes we have strong disagreement among us. But this never affects our friendship. We all are strongly united and we fight together any crisis, if and when appears. Having such a team has made my life much enjoyable.

In one of my messages, I had mentioned that we try to choose the place of ExCom where there is a potential to grow computational intelligence activities further. To reinforce this idea, we try to organize a workshop in the city in which the ExCom meeting is held. To run the workshop we find a champion, a CIS volunteer



The organizers and speakers along with the President of Instituto Superior Tecnico.

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