

By-laws of the EMS TAG: Semigroups Network

1 Mission & Aims

The core objectives of the TAG are:

- 1.1 To connect and promote interactions between researchers working in semigroup theory and closely related topics, aiming to reduce fragmentation in the European (and wider) mathematical community.
- 1.2 To provide a central hub of information for semigroup theorists to help raise awareness of activities within our subject and aid individual researchers looking to connect with those with similar interests.
- 1.3 To organise activities, including meetings and workshops.
- 1.4 To plan, organise, and support applications for funding, in particular to European funding programs.

2 Membership

2.1 Membership is open to researchers with an interest in semigroup theory (or closely related topics), by submission of an application form (detailed on the website) for approval by the chair or co-chair. We welcome applications at any time from researchers at all academic career stages.

2.2 To help maintain records, two categories of membership are available: short-term and long-term.

Short-term membership is aimed particularly at postgraduate students, researchers on temporary contracts and visiting researchers. The default length of short-term membership is 5 years, after which time members in this category will be invited to re-join (either as a short-term member or long-term member) or allow their membership to 'expire'. Those choosing short-term membership can optionally indicate an earlier date for renewal to be considered.

Long-term membership is aimed at more established researchers. Members in this category are encouraged to supply links to the pages of any local research groups in semigroup theory to which they belong.

2.3 Members are free to leave the TAG at any time by contacting the chair or co-chair (as detailed on the website) and to rejoin (according to 2.1) at a later date.

2.4 The chair/co-chair will perform an annual review of membership records. Short-term members who have not chosen to renew their membership will be considered to have

resigned their membership. In cases where contact details are not kept up to date (by members in either category), membership can be formally terminated by the chair.

3 Organisation and Leadership

- 3.1 Members of the leadership committee must be members of the TAG, and the committee must contain at least five members, who together should reflect the diversity (in terms of geographic location, research interest, career stage, gender) of the community. The initial leadership committee will consist of those named in the application, with Marianne Johnson and Antonio Malheiro as Chair and Co-Chair, for a period of 2 years until the set-up phase of the TAG is completed.
- 3.2 The leadership committee must nominate a chair and co-chair, who together will: maintain membership records, the mailing list and website; co-ordinate writing of the report on TAG activities to be submitted to the EMS Executive Committee every year; co-ordinate leadership meetings; be responsible for overall co-ordination of the TAG.
- 3.3 Members of the leadership committee will normally serve for a two-year term.
- 3.4 The leadership team will meet at least twice annually to discuss: scheduling and organisation of events; updates on funding opportunities/applications to support activities of members; strategy for development of the subject.
- 3.5 Decisions on activities of the TAG can be taken by a majority vote of the leadership committee (minus the chair); the chair holds a casting vote that is only used when voting leads to any division in decisions.
- 3.6 To encourage broader engagement, allow early-career researchers to participate actively, and provide a natural pathway for others to take on leadership roles, subcommittees with a specific remit (e.g. Inclusivity and Mentoring; Funding and Partnerships; Nominations and Elections) and agreed decision-making process can be created and appointed by the leadership committee.
- 3.7 Modifications to the by-laws may be proposed by committee members, and approved by majority vote of the leadership committee.
- 3.8 The closure of the TAG can be decided by a majority vote of the membership.