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A HISTORY OF THE SING CONFERENCE

The first assembly when Italian researchers joined together for a meeting on game theory dates back to 1983, thanks to the initiative of Gianfranco Gambarelli and Michele Grillo. On the 12th of October in Bergamo, a working day was held about: A discussion between economists and mathematicians: recent contributions from game theory to economics. One year later, Pierangelo Mori and Fioravante Patrone organized in Pavia (December 14 and 15) the first meeting under the name that would last for a long time: Convegno di Teoria dei Giochi ed Applicazioni, called the second meeting to acknowledge the relevance of the “working day” held in Bergamo. Then came Firenze, in 1986, organized by Andrea Battinelli. Next, it was again the turn of Bergamo, in 1987 (main organizer: Gianfranco Gambarelli), followed by Cagliari 1988 (Andrea Battinelli), Modena 1989 (Gianni Ricci), Firenze 1991 (Piero Tani), Pisa 1992 (Giacomo Costa), Genova 1993 (Fausto Mignanego and Fioravante Patrone), Siena 1995 (Stefano Vannucci), Bergamo (the 10th, edition, again Gianfranco Gambarelli) 1996, Milano 1997 (Michele Polo and Mario Gilli), Genova 1998 (jointly with Game Practice I, Fioravante Patrone), Bologna 1999 (Elettra Agliardi)

During this period the CITG (Centro Interuniversitario per la Teoria dei Giochi e le sue Applicazioni – Interuniversity Centre for Game Theory and Applications) was created, under the initiative of the researchers in Pavia, Bergamo and Firenze. It was born in Firenze (official birth date: December 31, 1990) with the participation of a dozen of Universities. The first director was, for six years, Piero Tani, followed by Marco Dardi and Fioravante Patrone. A new form of this Center is forthcoming. The CITG organized the International Conference on Game Theory in Firenze, from 25 to 27 of June, 1991. The meeting of Ischia 2001 was organized by Jaqueline Morgan having in mind the alternation agreement with Spain, and luckily saw a very good participation of Spanish researchers. Gian Italo Bischi organized the 2003 Meeting in Urbino, where a lot of special sections were organized by Gambarelli in honour of the 65-th birthday of Guillermo Owen.

Spain

Spanish researchers joined for a meeting on Game Theory for the first time in 1994. In those days, the number of Spanish game theorists was increasing considerably and the growing Spanish Game Theory community decided to organize a conference every two years. The first Spanish Game Theory Meeting, organized in Bilbao by Federico Valenciano and Jose Zarzuelo, was a great success. Since then, the meetings in Santiago de Compostela (1996) organized by Ignacio García Jurado, in Barcelona (1998) organized by Carles Rafels, and in Valencia (2000) organized by Amparo Urbano were great successes, with more than 100 presentations in each of them, showing the good health of the many Spanish research groups in the Game Theory and their growing international links. The meetings in Sevilla (2002), organized by Mario Bilbao and Paco Ramón Fernández, and Elche (2004), organized by Joaquín Sánchez Soriano, continued the “joint venture” between Italy and Spain started in 2000. In 2005, a new partner, The Netherlands, joined the club.

The Netherlands

No tradition of organizing Dutch game theory conferences exists. There is a monthly game theory seminar (afternoon or day) in Tilburg, first established in Nijmegen in 1982 by Stef Tijs, and now under the responsibility of Peter Borm. There is also, since the middle of the eighties, a monthly seminar on the closely related area of social choice in Tilburg, organized by Ton Storcken, Ad van Deemen, and Harrie de Swart. In 1996, the Third International Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare was organized (in Maastricht) by Hans Peters and Ton Storcken. The first conference on Logic, Game Theory and Social Choice (LGS1) was organized by Harrie de Swart in 1999 (Tilburg-Oisterwijk). In 2002, Peter Borm c.s. organized a game theory conference on the occasion of the 65th birthday of Stef Tijs (Tilburg). Several workshops on (cooperative) game theory were and are organized by Gerard van der Laan and René van den Brink (Amsterdam) and Theo Driessen (Enschede). The 8th International Symposium on Dynamic Games and Applications was organized by Frank Thuijsman and Koos Vrieze (Maastricht-Vaalsbroek, 1998).

SING: The joint venture

In 2000, Federico Valenciano organized in Bilbao GAMES 2000, the first Meeting of the Game Theory Society. During this conference Fioravante Patrone, director of the Italian CITG, took the initiative of looking for a “joint venture” between Italy and Spain, suggesting the alternation of Italian and Spanish meetings. The agreement

of this idea by the involved researchers lead to the meetings of Ischia (2001), Sevilla (2002), Urbino (2003) and Elche (2004).

During the Meeting of Urbino the idea of the Netherlands as a new entry into the Italian-Spanish alternation, proposed by Patrone, was eagerly approved. The first edition of SING (Spanish-Italian-Netherlands Game Theory Meeting) was organized by Hans Peters in Maastricht from 24 to 26 June 2005. Andrea di Liddo organized the second edition, SING 2, in Foggia. Juan Tejada organized SING 3 in Madrid in 2007. In 2008, for the first time the conference was organized outside one of the three SING countries. Jacek Mercik organized SING 4 in Wrocław. In 2009 SING 5 was held in Amsterdam, organized by René van der Brink. In 2010 SING 6 has been organized in Palermo by Dario Bauso. For the following two years the conference has again been organized outside the SING countries: in 2011 Michel Grabisch organized SING 7 in Paris; in 2012 Laszlo Koczy is going to organize SING 8 in Budapest. SING 9 and SING 10 are scheduled in Vigo (2013, organized by Gustavo Bergantiños) and in Krakov (2014, organized by Izabella Stach), respectively.

Synthesis

Year	Name	Location ^a	Organizer
2001	Italy/Spain 1	Ischia I	Jacqueline Morgan
2002	Italy/Spain 2	Sevilla ES	Jesús Mario Bilbao and Francisco Fernández
2003	Italy/Spain 3	Urbino I	Gian Italo Bischi
2004	Italy/Spain 4	Elche ES	Joaquin Sanchez-Soriano
2005	SING 1	Maastricht NL	Hans Peters
2006	SING 2	Foggia I	Andrea Di Liddo
2007	SING 3	Madrid ES	Juan Tejada
2008	SING 4	Wrocław PL (G)	Jacek Mercik
2009	SING 5	Amsterdam NL	René van den Brink
2010	SING 6	Palermo I	Dario Bauso
2011	SING 7	Paris FR (G)	Michel Grabisch
2012	SING 8	Budapest HU (G)	Laszlo Koczy
2013	SING 9	Vigo ES	Gustavo Bergantiños
2014	SING 10	Cracow PL (G)	Izabella Stach

^aG = guest organizing country