

Nomination for the IFAAMAS Board:

Piotr Faliszewski

Piotr Faliszewski is an associate professor at the Department of Informatics, Electronics, and Telecommunication at the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, Poland. He obtained his PhD in 2009 from the University of Rochester, under the supervision of Prof. Lane A. Hemaspaandra. He was a visiting professor at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and at Université Paris-Dauphine in Paris, France. He was also a Mercator Fellow in the the group of Prof. Rolf Niedermeier at Technische Universitaet Berlin, Germany. His interests revolve around widely understood group decision making, including computational social choice and cooperative game theory, both from computational and normative perspectives. He has published extensively both in AI journals (e.g., in AIJ, JAIR, JAAMAS) and AI conferences (e.g., in AAMAS, IJCAI, AAAI), and, to a lesser extent, in theoretical computer science venues (e.g., Information and Computation, Theoretical Computer Science).

Involvement with the AAMAS community Piotr has published full papers at every AAMAS conference since 2008 (altogether 16 full papers; in 2013 one of them was nominated for the best paper award). He has been serving on all the AAMAS PCs since 2010, as well as on the PCs of CoopMAS (in years 2010–2016), an AAMAS workshop on cooperative game theory. Piotr presented a tutorial on multiwinner voting at AAMAS-2017 in Sao Paolo.

Service to Related Communities Piotr is an associate editor of the Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR). Since obtaining his PhD, Piotr has been serving on PCs of many top AI and algorithmic game theory conferences, including IJCAI, AAAI, and ACM EC. He has organized the 4th International Workshop on Computational Social Choice (COMSOC-2012) and served a 4-year term on the steering committee of this workshop. Together with Dorothea Baumeister, Annick Laruelle, and Toby Walsh, he was an organizer of a Dagstuhl seminar on computational social choice (17261). He was a PC co-chair and the local organizer of the 41st International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS-2016).

Statement of Purpose AAMAS community is very dynamic, studying large number of topics and quickly making great progress in them; the AAMAS conference series addresses the community’s need for a quality venue, where new results can be presented quickly, with many technical details. However, the focus on conference publishing has its downsides and many important papers and results never make it to journals. AAMAS community would surely benefit from encouraging journal publications and from rewarding researchers publishing in journals. Some effort in this direction has already been made (e.g., the JAAMAS track), but there are other opportunities to be explored, such as, e.g., introducing the “hot papers of the year” award, announced at the AAMAS conference, which would be received by relatively many papers (10–20, say) published in journals in the previous calendar year (the award would hold no monetary value, but would provide additional prestige, available only for journal publications).