



EAERE Annual General Assembly of Members  
Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy  
2 July 2011

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DRAFT TO BE APPROVED

First convocation: June 24th 2011, from 9.00 to 10.30 EAERE Headquarters, Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore Venice, Italy	Second convocation: July 2nd 2011, from 12.45 to 13.45 University of Rome Tor Vergata Rome, Italy
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The first convened General Assembly did not reach the requested quorum to validly deliberate. The General Assembly was therefore held in second convocation. Proxies were delivered to the President.

The General Assembly was chaired by the President of the Association, Partha Dasgupta. He welcomed EAERE members attending and opened the meeting. The Assembly appointed Monica Eberle as secretary. The General Assembly approved the proposed agenda.

The President extended his gratitude, on behalf of EAERE, to the Rome Conference Local Organising and Programme Committees, in particular to Laura Castellucci, Alessio D'Amato, Till Requate and to the other members of the Committees for their efforts for the organisation of an outstanding conference.

Aldo Ravazzi stressed that hosting an EAERE conference in Italy has been a great opportunity for the country, although only a few participants were Italian. He expressed his personal satisfaction for the Policy Sessions and Special Sessions organized by institutions from the policy sphere, and encouraged the cooperation with other groups as for example NGOs, companies, practitioners.

Partha Dasgupta expressed agreement, and thanked for the precious suggestion which will be followed, especially as far as NGOs are concerned. The President highlighted the importance of encouraging the participation of company and policy makers in EAERE's activities.

The President extended the Association's gratitude to the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei for the work FEEM has been doing in the management of the EAERE Permanent Secretariat.

The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly of Members held in Montreal on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Partha Dasgupta presented the candidates for the 2011 Elections, as decided by the Nominating Committee:

- Anil Markandya (president)
- Cees Withagen (president)
- Timo Goeschl (council)
- Gunnar Kohlin (council)
- Maria Loureiro (council)
- Phoebe Koundouri (council)

Elections will take place from 20 September to 15 November 2011.

EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer Schools are currently run with the co-organisers' sponsorship. No external funds are available. The President stressed the need for additional efforts in fund-raising. The calendar for future Summer Schools held as usual in Venice was presented:

- "Developments in Resource Economics", coordinators: Matti Liski and Reyer Gerlagh, 3-9 July 2011
- "Management of International Water", coordinator: Ariel Dinar, 1-7 July 2012
- "Modeling Uncertain Technological Change", coordinators: Valentina Bosetti and Erin Baker, 2013.
- "Adaptation to Climate Change", coordinators: Robert Mendelsohn and Emanuele Massetti, 2014.

The Belpasso Summer School on "Extremes: Natural Disasters in Changing Climate", coordinated by Giovanni Signorello and Jaroslav Mysiak, will take place on 4-10 September 2011, Belpasso, Italy.

The President invited members to send submissions for EAERE/2012:  
19th EAERE Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, 27 - 30 June 2012  
LOC Chair: Milan Scasny  
PC Co-chairs: Bengt Kristron, Jan Melichar, Milan Scasny

The President announced that the Toulouse School of Economics, has been entrusted with the organisation of EAERE/2013. The President extended his gratitude to David Alary, Christian Gollier, François Salanié, from the Local Organizing Committee, for their support to the Association's activities and look forward to cooperating in the organisation of the event. The Conference will take place from 26 to 29 June 2013.

The Call for proposal for the 5th World Congress, 2014 will be launched by September 2011.

The President updated the membership with the Association's institutional awards:

- The Erik Kempe Award 2011 was assigned to Christian Gollier and Martin L. Weitzman "How Should the Distant Future be Discounted when Discount Rates are Uncertain"
- The EAERE Outstanding Awards 2011 were given to Klaus Toepfer (European Practitioner Achievement Award) and Michael Hoel (European Lifetime Achievement Award).
- The best poster in EAERE/2011 award was given to Katarina Östberg, "Complexity vs Simplicity – Benefit transfer for Environmental Improvements in Coastal Areas.

The President informed that, as per last year's General Assembly decision, a EAERE Policy Advisor was nominated: Ger Klaassen. His efforts will be focused on setting a stage for a more integrated dialogue between academia and policy to strengthen the Association experience in the policy maker decision. Along the lines of the General Assembly decision, he has a two-year mandate (2011 and 2012) to give advice to the EAERE Council.

The President stressed the important role that Country Representatives play within the Association, both in terms of recruitment of new members and in terms of communication at the national level, and thanked Country Representatives for their efforts and support.

The General Assembly ratified the Council's acceptance of the applications for individual and institutional memberships received for calendar year 2011 and calendar years 2011-2012-2013, with no exceptions. The President extended the Association's gratitude for the support of all members, and in particular for the financial support received from institutional members and encouraged members to attract new institutional members to join the Association. The President announced the EAERE Supporters of year 2011 (those members who get 2 or more new members to join EAERE in calendar year 2011): Valeria Costantini, Wang Haiqin, Eugene Lopatin and Anastasios Xepapadeas.

Partha Dasgupta informed that as of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 the Association had 1142 members and presented the EAERE Membership profile (see enclosed slides presented by the President).

On behalf of the Board of Auditors, comprised of Katrin Millock and Nick Hanley, the President presented the final accounts for calendar year 2010 (see enclosed slides presented by the President). The Board of auditors and the General Assembly approved the accounts.

The President presented the preliminary budgets for 2011 and 2012 (see enclosed slides by the President), which were approved by the Assembly.

As regards the membership fees for year 2012, the President informed the Assembly that the Council proposes a slight increase in all the fees (see enclosed slides). The Assembly approved the proposed fees.

Ian Bateman, ERE joint Chief-Director, presented to the Assembly some information on the state of the Journal, which continues to be good, both in terms of Impact Factor and of the sustained increase in submissions

There were no other issues to be discussed. The President adjourned the meeting.

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Partha Dasgupta, President

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Monica Eberle, Secretary