



MINUTES OF THE 2006 EAERE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

July 5th, 2006 – 12.30-14.00 - Kyoto International Conference Hall, Kyoto, Japan

The General Assembly is presided by the President of the Association, Anastasios Xepapadeas.

Anastasios Xepapadeas welcomed EAERE members attending the General Assembly. He informed attendants that the preliminary number of Europeans taking part in the Third World Congress is 319, whilst participants coming from North America are 149. He congratulated European environmental and resource economists for this large participation.

The President pointed out that there are 46 members present and that there is the requested quorum for the Assembly to validly deliberate. The President therefore opened the meeting and the General Assembly appointed Monica Eberle as secretary.

Anastasios Xepapadeas presented the EAERE Council 2006-2007, which is comprised of:

- President: Anastasios XEPAPADEAS, University of Crete, Greece
- President-Elect: Thomas STERNER, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- Past President: Frank J. CONVERY, University College Dublin, Ireland
- Council Members: Nick HANLEY (Vice President), University of Stirling, Scotland
Katrin MILLOCK, EUREQua-CNRS, France
Santiago RUBIO, University of Valencia, Spain
Sjak SMULDERS, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
- Secretary General: Monica EBERLE, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy

The Assembly approved the minutes of the Ordinary General Assembly of Members held in Bremen on June 24th, 2005 and the minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly of Members held in Brussels on November 28th, 2005. He informed participants that the two documents are available in the EAERE website at <http://www.eaere.org/agm.html>.

The President informed the Assembly that, as per its decision, EAERE has been legally registered in Italy and is now running under the Italian law. He confirmed that the only actual change in the EAERE activities is its legal seat, as all the other activities keep running with continuity.

Ian Bateman, ERE joint Chief-Director, presented to the Assembly the good state of the Journal and announced that ERE has recently converted from a paper-based submission, review and editorial system to an electronic system. This new system is expected to significantly increase the efficiency of the editorial system and, as a consequence, to improve the journal's performance.

Anastasios Xepapadeas announced that the 15th EAERE Annual Conference (2007) will be held from June 27th to 30th, 2007, in Thessaloniki, Greece, with Eftichios Sartzetakis acting as Chair of the Local Organiser Committee and Co-Chair of the Programme Committee and Aart de Zeeuw acting as Co-Chair of the Programme Committee.

The President announced that the 16th EAERE Annual Conference (2008) will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, with Thomas Sterner acting as Chair of the Local Organising Committee. The exact conference dates and the Chair of the Programme Committee are forthcoming.

The President informed that the call for applications for the 17th EAERE Annual Conference (2009) will be launched by September 2006.

Anastasios Xepapadeas informed that the consortium comprised of EAERE, FEEM and VIU was granted European funds under the Marie Curie action to run summer schools from 2006 to 2009. These funds and a FEEM contribution

are expected to reduce the financial pressure on EAERE to run the summer schools to zero. The President extended his gratitude to FEEM for leading the proposal to a successful contract.

The President thanked Christoph Böhringer and his colleagues comprising the faculty staff of the 2006 Summer School for their valuable contribution that made the summer school a great success. The topic of the 2006 summer school was “Computable General Equilibrium Modeling in Environmental and Resource Economics”, which collected 83 applications (the higher number of applications received for a summer school) and 20 participants.

Anastasios Xepapadeas confirmed the topics and coordinators of the next three years summer schools:

2007: Trade, Property Rights and Biodiversity
Co-ordinator: Cees Withagen, Tilburg University

2008: Space in Unified Models of Economy and Ecology
Co-ordinator: Tasos Xepapadeas, University of Crete

2009: Economics, Transport and Environment
Co-ordinator: Stef Proost, Université Catholique de Louvain

The President extended his gratitude, on behalf of EAERE, to Katrin Millock for the outstanding work she has been doing as Editor of the EAERE Newsletter, which is becoming a great tool for exchange of ideas and information among the EAERE community.

Anastasios Xepapadeas announced the membership baseline from 2002 to June 29th, 2006:

Year	Members	Change
2002	390	
		27
2003	417	
		31
2004	448	
		140
2005	588	
		-119
2006	469	

He informed the membership that the EAERE Council is still studying the reasons for the drop of members occurred in 2006. The Council’s decision not to continue 42 complimentary membership and the high participation costs for the Third World Congress may be behind this drop.

The President presented the figures regarding membership continuity from 2003 and pointed out that this year EAERE attracted 163 new members, which is a great result. Many of them joined EAERE to apply for the Summer School. The Council’s challenge for next year is also to retain these young new members in EAERE.

2003	2004	2005	2006	
x	x	x	x	94
	x	x	x	63
		x	x	93
			x	163
x	x		x	13
x		x	x	24

x			x	6
	x		x	13

Anastasios Xepapadeas presented the number of members by regions and pointed out that the Council intends to continue its efforts to attract new members from Eastern European countries.

Europe	345	73,56 %
<i>(West Europe)</i>	<i>(325)</i>	<i>(69,29 %)</i>
<i>(East Europe)</i>	<i>(20)</i>	<i>(4,27 %)</i>
North America	69	14,71 %
Asia	34	7,25 %
Oceania	11	2,35 %
Africa	8	1,71 %
Central America	1	0,21 %
South America	1	0,21 %

The President presented the countries' rank order and pointed out that probably such a high number of Americans is due to the effect of the agreement of reciprocal secondary membership between EAERE and AERE. Anastasios Xepapadeas talked about the importance of EAERE country representative's action to improve countries performance and pushed them to support the Association's recruitment efforts.

USA	58
Italy	52
Germany	41
UK	41
France	25
Spain	23
Sweden	22
The Netherlands	20
Norway	19
Denmark	18
Belgium	16
Japan	12
Poland	12
Canada	11
Ireland	11
Portugal	10
Australia	9
India	8
Greece	7
Switzerland	7
Austria	6
Finland	6
Israel	6

China	3
Czech Republic	3
South Africa	3
New Zealand	2
Bangladesh	1
Brazil	1
Bulgaria	1
Costa Rica	1
Croatia	1
Egypt	1
Ghana	1
Iran	1
Kenya	1
Nepal	1
Nigeria	1
Philippines	1
Republic of Korea	1
Romenia	1
Russia	1
Tanzania	1
Turkey	1
Ukraine	1

The President presented the proposed primary individual membership fees for 2007 and pointed out that the Council proposes to continue the fees established for 2006 and offer a 10% discount for triennial membership, as summarised

in the table below. He informed the Assembly that Springer proposed a 7.5% increase of the ERE subscription fees for 2007 whilst continuing the subscription fee for 2008 and 2009; Springer's proposal is under negotiation, and for this reason it is not possible to announce the subscription fee for next year in this General Assembly. The General Assembly approved the proposed individual membership fees.

Membership Type	EAERE	ERE	Total FEE
Full membership	€ 41,00	€ 0,00	€ 41,00
Full membership + ERE paper version	€ 41,00	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
Full membership + ERE on-line version	€ 41,00	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
Reduced membership	€ 12,00	€ 0,00	€ 12,00
Reduced membership + ERE paper version	€ 12,00	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
Reduced membership + ERE on-line version	€ 12,00	t.b.d.	t.b.d.
Triennial full membership (2007-2008-2009)	€ 110,70	€ 0,00	€ 110,70
Triennial reduced membership (2007-2008-2009)	€ 32,40	€ 0,00	€ 32,40

Anastasios Xepapadeas presented the three EAERE Institutional Members for year 2006:

Environmental Economics Unit, Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, **Göteborg University**, Göteborg, Sweden

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei – **FEEM**, Milan, Italy

TEN Center - Thematic Environmental Networks, Venice International University, Venice, Italy

The President expressed his gratitude to Institutional Members for their support to the Association activities. He reminded the Assembly that the institutional membership fee for 2006 amounted to € 1,500. He informed the Assembly that the institutional membership package for 2007 will be shortly announced and invited EAERE members to contribute to recruit new institutional members, whose contribution is most important for the Association's activities.

The President presented to the General Assembly the final accounts for year 2005. He informed members that Marta Escapa and Matti Liski, EAERE auditors for financial years 2004 and 2005, have approved the final accounts presented.

EXPENSES	
Secretarial activities	€ 29.727,61
Institutional meetings (3)	€ 3.709,08
Summer school	€ 23.067,05
Lifetime and practitioner awards	€ 288,00
TOTAL EXPENSES	€ 56.791,74

INCOMES	
Membership fees	€ 12.900,64
Annual congress	€ 19.612,48
Contributions towards institutional meetings (UCD and EHSAL)	€ 1.200,00
Contributions towards summer school (FEEM and VIU)	€ 17.526,55
Contributions towards website and newsletter (John Wiley & Sons Ltd.)	€ 200,00
Other contributions (Irish National Roads Authority and Sustainable Energy Ireland)	€ 17.000,00
TOTAL INCOME	€ 68.439,67
BALANCE	€ 11.647,93

1 January 2005	€ 33.367,30
Balance financial year 2005	€ 11.647,93
31 December 2005	€ 45.015,23

Following a request of clarification by Mordechai Shechter about the income from annual congress, Anastasios Xepapadeas explained that this amount is not due to a profit, but it is the revenue from the imposition of a levy of € 65

on registration fees. He pointed out that EAERE will register this income item in 2006 as well, as a levy has been imposed on the registration fees of participants in the Third World Congress who are residents in OECD countries, excluding Japan and South Korea, and that the income from the levy applied to participants affiliated with European institutions will go for EAERE.

The General Assembly approved the final accounts for financial year 2005.

On behalf of the Association, Anastasios Xepapadeas expressed his gratitude to Marta Escapa and Matti Liski for their valuable cooperation as auditors. He informed the Assembly that the Council recommends Johan Eyckmans and Cathrin Hagem as auditors for 2006 and 2007; the General Assembly approved.

Anastasios Xepapadeas presented the preliminary budgets for 2006 and 2007; the Assembly approved them.

BUDGET 2006

EXPENSES	
Secretarial activities	€ 28.967,01
Institutional meetings (2)	€ 5.938,80
Summer school	€ 40.149,20
Annual Congress	€ 800,00
TOTAL EXPENSES	€ 75.885,01

INCOMES	
Individual membership fees	€ 11.749,00
Institutional membership fees	€ 3.000,00
Contributions towards website and NL	€ 1.00,00
Contributions towards institutional meetings	€ 3.700,00
Contributions summer school	€ 40.000,00
Annual Conference	€ 19.140,00
TOTAL INCOME	€ 78.589,00
BALANCE	€ 2.703,99

BUDGET 2007

EXPENSES	
Secretarial activities	€ 30.878,57
Institutional meetings (2)	€ 6.000,00
Summer school	€ 46.000,00
Annual Congress	€ 0,00
TOTAL EXPENSES	€ 82.878,57

INCOMES	
Individual membership fees	€ 13.000,00
Institutional membership fees	€ 3.280,00
Contributions towards website and NL	€ 600,00
Contributions towards institutional meetings	€ 0,00
Contributions summer school	€ 45.500,00
Annual Conference	€ 21.000,00
Other contributions	€ 10.400,00
TOTAL INCOME	€ 93.780,00
BALANCE	€ 10.901,43

Anastasios Xepapadeas informed the Assembly that the Council is exploring the feasibility to run the next year's elections electronically through the EAERE website instead of using paper ballots sent by mail. This would speed up the process and reduce the costs to run the elections.

The President informed the Assembly that the Eric Kempe Award for year 2006 will be postponed by one year and will therefore cover papers published in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The reasons behind this decision are that the Nominating Committee has not received sufficient nominations for the prize (only 8 nominations, out of which only 2 were eligible). Anastasios Xepapadeas encouraged the EAERE Membership to send out nominations for the Eric Kempe Award, and push EAERE Country Representatives to help in this process.

Karl-Gustaf Löfgren informed the Assembly that EAERE needs to send a formal request to the Kempe Foundation for the continuation of the award. Anastasios Xepapadeas renewed the Council's willingness to take all the necessary measures to guarantee the continuation of the prize.

Anastasios Xepapadeas reminded the Assembly of the important role of the EAERE Country Representatives within the Association. Among many others fields, their contribution goes from the recruitment of individual and institutional members, to the feedback and cooperation with the Council at the national level, from the encouragement of nominations to the Eric Kempe Award, to the preparation of contributions to the EAERE Newsletter. On behalf of the EAERE Council, the President thanked the EAERE Country Representatives for their continuous support.

Tomasz Zylicz informed the Assembly that the group of Polish environmental and resource economists led by Leszek Preisner, will stop the use of the EAERE name and logo, as the EAERE Statute does not recognize national divisions. At the same time, Tomasz Zylicz pointed out that both EAERE and the Polish group might have an interest to continue

the link between the two of them. Tomasz Zylicz informed the Assembly that English is still a barrier to join EAERE for most Polish environmental economists, and invited the EAERE Council to continue its efforts to involve more colleagues from Poland and East Europe in its activities.

Anastasios Xepapadeas reaffirms the EAERE's eagerness to strengthen the cooperation with national groups, including of course the Polish one, to further the development of the profession. At the same time, he pointed out that there is room for national group activities to be run under the Association's umbrella. He informed EAERE members that the Council is completely open to discuss proposals of cooperation that may lead to the Association's support of those activities judged as worthy by the EAERE Council. The Association is eager to offer its sponsorship and cooperation for the success of these activities.

Michael Rauscher, on behalf of the Third World Congress Programme Committee Co-Chairs, expressed his gratitude to the EAERE members taking part in the Programme Committee for their valuable contribution to the paper review process: the success of the Congress is also due to their great work.

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

EAERE members attending the General Assembly:

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| 1. BATEMAN Ian | 17. LINDHAL Therese | 33. ROUSSEAU Sandra |
| 2. BUCHNER Barbara | 18. LIU Gang | 34. RUBIO Santiago J. |
| 3. CAPARROS Alejandro | 19. LOEFGREN Karl-Gustaf | 35. RYAN Lisa |
| 4. CASTELLUCCI Laura | 20. LONTZEK Thomas | 36. SHECHTER Mordechai |
| 5. CONRAD Klaus | 21. MARSCHINSKI Robert | 37. STERNER Thomas |
| 6. CONVERY Frank | 22. MEYERHOFF Jurgen | 38. VAN IERLAND Ekko C. |
| 7. CREPIN Anne-Sophie | 23. MUKHOPADHYAY Kakali | 39. VERBEKE Tom |
| 8. EBERLE Monica | 24. MUNRO Alistair | 40. VOLLEBERGH Herman |
| 9. EBERT Udo | 25. NUMATA Daisuke | 41. WESSELER Justus |
| 10. FERREIRA Susana | 26. OLSCHEWSKI Roland | 42. WESSELER Justus |
| 11. FRIEDL Birgit | 27. OLLIKKA Kimmo | 43. WITHAGEN Cees |
| 12. GOESCHL Timo | 28. PERINO Grischa | 44. XEPAPADEAS Anastasios |
| 13. GOETZ Renan-Ulrich | 29. PETHIG Ruediger | 45. ZABADIA Angels |
| 14. HIDANO Noboru | 30. RAUSCHER Michael | 46. ZYLICZ Tomasz |
| 15. HUTCHINSON W. Gorge | 31. REQUATE Till | |
| 16. KAN Iddo | 32. ROSON Roberto | |



Anastasios Xepapadeas, President



Monica Eberle, Secretary