



MINUTES OF THE 2008 EAERE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

First convocation:
June 20th, 2008, from 9.00 to 10.30
EAERE headquarters – Castello 5252, Venice, Italy

Second convocation:
June 27th, 2008, from 12.30 to 13.30
Gothenburg, Sweden – Göteborg University, room E41

The first convened General Assembly did not reach the requested quorum to validly deliberate. The General Assembly was therefore held in second convocation.

The General Assembly was presided by the President of the Association, Thomas Sterner. He welcomed EAERE members attending and opened the meeting. The Assembly appointed Monica Eberle as secretary.

Thomas Sterner presented the EAERE Council 2008-2009, which is comprised of:

President: Thomas STERNER, Gothenburg University, Sweden
Vice President: Santiago RUBIO, University of Valencia, Spain
President-Elect: Sir Partha DASGUPTA, Cambridge University, UK
Past President: Anastasios XEPAPADEAS, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
Council Members: Barbara BUCHNER, International Energy Agency, France
Anne-Sophie CRÉPIN, The Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics
Sjak SMULDERS, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
Secretary General: Monica EBERLE, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy

The President extended his gratitude, on behalf of EAERE, to the Gothenburg conference Local Organising Committee (and in particular to Karin Jonson, LOC Co-ordinator), to Frank J. Convery who co-chaired the Programme Committee and to the Programme Committee members (in particular to Fredrik Carlsson, PC Co-ordinator) for the outstanding work they have done for the success of this year's annual conference.

The President extended the Association's gratitude also to the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, and in particular to Carlo Carraro and Monica Eberle, for the great 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 Thessaloniki on June 27th, 2007.

The President announced the Nominating Committee of the third edition of the EAERE Outstanding Awards: Santiago Rubio (chair), Thomas Sterner and Sjak Smulders. The Committee will be supported by Juan Carlos Ciscar, as technical advisor. The call for nominations is expected to be launched in July 2008.

The President informed the membership that the European funds received for the Summer School will cover costs for 2008 and 2009, but that from 2010 funds must be raised. For this purpose, Santiago Rubio was given a mandate to propose a list of possible topics and coordinators in the next Council meeting (September 27-28, 2008 - Athens); On that occasion, a decision on future topics and coordinators, and on the fund-raising strategy will be taken. The President informed the membership that the Council decided that the Summer School should be continued also in the absence of external funds; in this case, however a reduction of the Summer School's costs must be undertaken. Carlo Carraro, on behalf of FEEM, co-organiser of the Summer School series together with EAERE and VIU, confirmed that also FEEM is in favour of such a continuation of the Summer School series in case external funds cannot be raised.

Thomas Sterner thanked, on behalf of the Association, Anastasios Xepapadeas and Stef Proost for the co-ordination of the Summer School to be held in year 2008 and 2009, respectively. The Association's gratitude was extended to the faculty members as well.

The President presented the final 2007 EAERE Membership profile (see enclosed slides presented by the President).

The General Assembly ratified the Council's acceptance of the applications for individual and institutional memberships received for calendar year 2008 and calendar years 2008-2009-2010, with no exceptions. The President pointed out that the Association has over 900 members 2008 and is very grateful for all those who contributed to reach this achievement. In particular, the President extended the Association's gratitude for the financial support received from institutional members in calendar year 2008.

Thomas Sterner brought to the Assembly's attention that one of the Association's aims for next year should be retain our existing membership and to attract further members in order to achieve the 1.000 members objective. He pointed out that the Country Representative's action for this purpose is very important. Participants in the Assembly gave valuable suggestions concerning increased membership, as seeking for cooperation with a higher number of professional and academic associations, the introduction of the EAERE membership within grant applications, inviting other associations to support EAERE as institutional members, etc.

On behalf of the Board of Auditors, comprised of Johan Eyckmans and Cathrine Hagem, the President presented the final accounts for calendar year 2007 (see enclosed slides presented by the President). The Board of auditors and the General Assembly approved the accounts.

The President, on behalf of the Council, recommended that Nick Hanley and Katrin Millock be appointed as auditors for financial years 2009 and 2010. The Assembly accepted the proposal.

The President presented the preliminary budgets for 2008 and 2009 (see enclosed slides), which were approved by the Assembly.

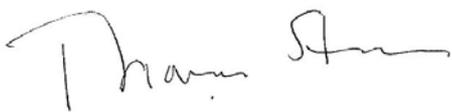
As regards the membership fees for year 2009, the President informed the Assembly that the Council is inclined to repropose the ones offered in 2008, with one modification regarding the cost of the subscription to the paper version of ERE, which increased of 4 euros. A final individual and institutional membership package will be decided in the next Council meeting to be held in Athens on September 27-28, 2008.

Ian Bateman, ERE joint Chief-Director, presented to the Assembly the good state of the Journal. Details of his speech are available in the enclosed slides he presented at the Assembly. The President, on behalf of EAERE, extended his gratitude for the remarkable work that Ian Bateman, the members of the ERE Managing Board, and the reviewers have been doing for the success of the Journal.

Trudy Ann Cameron, in her position of AERE President, invited EAERE members to take advantage of the secondary membership with AERE they are entitled to obtain. She described the benefits secondary members are entitled to, as a discount on the JEEM and REEP subscription fees, and informed the EAERE membership about the future events AERE is planning.

Thomas Sterner announced that the 17th EAERE Annual Conference will be held from June 24th to 27th, 2009, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with Harmen Verbruggen acting as Chair of the Local Organising Committee, and Cees Withagen and Geir Asheim as Co-Chairs of the Programme Committee.

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



Thomas Sterner, President



Monica Eberle, Secretary