



## Minutes of the General Assembly

Madrid - Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2002

### **AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of August 2001 in Dublin
2. Result of elections 2002 - New Officers
3. Financial results 2001
4. Report on the Young Economists' Essay Awards
5. Report on the IJIO
6. Report on the EARIE Conference 2002
7. Future conferences
8. Miscellaneous

# MINUTES

The General Assembly was chaired by Margaret Slade, the EARIE President.

## **1. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of August 2001 in Dublin**

No remarks were made. The minutes were approved.

## **2. Results of Elections 2002 & Membership situation**

The President announced the new members.

Franco Malerba from the Bocconi University in Italy will be the next EARIE President starting right after the Helsinki Conference in August 2003.

The new National Administrators joining the Executive Committee are:

- Pedro Pita Barros (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- Marc Ivaldi (Université Toulouse 1 - Sciences Sociales, France)
- Helen Louri (Athens University of Economics & Business, Greece)
- Pedro Marin (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain)

The membership figures over the last 5 years were presented as in Annex I.

## **3. Financial results 2001**

The accounts were briefly presented (see Annex II). The President pointed out that alike every year there was a small but positive surplus. She suggested that the surplus could be used for e.g. funding an EARIE award in the following years.

No remarks were made. The accounts were approved.

## **4. Report on the Young Economists' Essay Awards**

Pedro Marin reported that a total of 140 papers had been submitted out of which 110 had been selected in a first round of refereeing. After the second round of refereeing, 31 papers had been identified for the awards.

Finally 9 papers were selected and received one of the awards sponsored by:

- International Journal of Industrial Organisation
- Journal of Industrial Economics
- Master en Economía Industrial, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- NERA Economic Consulting
- Instituto Flores de Lemus
- Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología

Pedro also mentioned that the EU denied funding the YEA this year as the EARIE had stopped being a priority to them. Pedro mentioned that a letter of regret had been sent to the EU and circulated to the Executive Committee.

## **5. Report on the IJIO**

Co-managing Editor Stephen Martin reported that the IJIO received 292 submissions in calendar year 2001, about 24 a month. Of these submissions, 212 have been rejected, 22 accepted, with no final decision reached for remaining submissions. The acceptance rate for papers on which a decision has been made is about 9 percent (22/238), and the maximum possible acceptance rate is a little more than 20 per cent (59/292).

168 submissions were received during the first 8 months of 2002, an average of 21 per month.

He also mentioned that there are two special issues in the pipeline. The first one on "University-Industry technology transfer" and a second one on "Models of Competition". Furthermore, further steps were being taken to encourage the publication on "Structural Estimation Models". The new Editor, Igal Hendel, will manage submissions in this area.

## **6. Report on the EARIE Conference 2002**

Jordi Jaumandreu reported that 510 submissions had been received. On the basis of the Scientific Committee's valuations, the Local Organising Committee selected 345 papers (i.e. 2/3 of the papers submitted).

The total number of registrants amounted to 435 (see details per country in Annex III) coming from 32 countries.

Pedro apologised for not having the actual numbers but guaranteed a balanced budget.

He ended with thanks to:

- the participants to the conference
- the speakers
- the round table participants
- the Executive Committee, specially its President Margaret Slade and the former President Michael Waterson
- the Economics Department at the Universidad Carlos III
- Congrega, the firm in charge of the organisation
- all other staff involved in the conference, including graduate students and hired personnel

Margaret Slade thanked the Local Organising Committee for the smoothly organised conference.

## 7. Future conferences

Otto Toivanen reported the following about next year's conference in Helsinki, Finland:

- The conference has to be held earlier than usually due to the fact that there is another big conference running in Helsinki at the usual dates.
  - It will start on Sunday morning in order to minimize the overlap with the EEA/ESEM conference in Stockholm.
  - Organisers: Department of Economics of Helsinki School of Economics and Swedish School of Economics.
  - Local Organising Committee:
    - Rune Stenbacka (chair)
    - Pekka Ilmakunnas
    - Otto Toivanen
    - Matti Pohjola
    - Tuomas Takalo
    - Pentti Vartia
  - Location: Helsinki School of Economics
  - Programme:
    - Plenary Sessions:
      - Margaret Slade, presidential address: "Competing Models of Firm Profitability"
      - Bengt Holmström: "Entrepreneurship"
      - Lars-Hendrik Röller: "Empirical Methods in Antitrust Analysis"
      - Hal Varian: "The Economics of Information Technology"
    - Parallel Sessions I-VII
      - 12 parallel groups
      - 330 contributed papers
- possibly a panel discussion on information technology

The President announced that the EARIE Conference would take place in Berlin in 2004 and in Porto in 2005.

## 8. Miscellaneous

Margaret Slade showed a slide illustrating that membership is a one-to-one map with participation in the conference. She suggested that some effort should be put into a more continuous membership. Richard Green intervenes saying that he thought he became a member when he registered for the conference but that he never received an e-mail reminding him if he wanted to renew his membership.

No further issues were raised. The meeting was adjourned.

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