



## Minutes of the General Assembly

Helsinki - Tuesday, 26th August 2003

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome to the new EARIE President
2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of September 2002 in Madrid
3. Result of elections 2003 – New Officers
4. Financial results 2002
5. Conference 2003 & Young Economists' Essay Awards
6. IJIO
7. Future conferences
8. Miscellaneous

# MINUTES

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

## 1. Welcome to the new EARIE President

Margaret Slade introduced Franco Malerba from the SDA Bocconi University in Milan who will be the new EARIE President taking over right after this General Assembly.

## 2. Minutes of the General Assembly meeting of September 2002 in Madrid

No remarks were made. The minutes were approved.

## 3. Results of Elections 2003 – New Officers

The President announced the results of the elections 2003. The following new members will be joining the Executive Committee after the Helsinki Conference:

- Marcus APSLUND (London Business School, U.K.)
- Giancarlo SPAGNOLO (University of Mannheim, Germany)
- George SYMEONIDIS (University of Essex, U.K.)
- Otto TOIVANEN (Helsinki School of Economics, Finland)
- Nikolaos VETTAS (University of Athens, Greece)

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

## 4. Financial results 2002

The accounts were briefly presented (see Annex II). The President reported that EARIE was showing a healthy balance. She announced that some money would be used to fund an additional Young Economist Award and also to refresh and update the website of the association.

No remarks were made. The accounts were approved.

## 5. Conference 2003 & Young Economists' Essay Awards

Rune Stenbacka reported that a total of 135 papers had been submitted.

He mentioned that the papers had been sent to the members of the programme committee according to the regular review process with the request to pay particular attention to the Award candidates. The programme committee used grades in the scale 1 – 5, with grade 1 assigned to “excellent” papers. 46 of the submitted papers were assigned a grade in the range 1 – 2 and were thereby classified as “high-quality” papers.

The papers were reviewed by Pekka Ilmakunnas and Rune Stenbacka who selected 20 papers as “serious Award candidates”.

These 20 papers were classified in two groups: an empirical group and a theoretical group. The papers belonging to each group were reviewed and ranked by two members of the programme committee.

The organisers had funds for 6 awards. These were funded by:

- International Journal of Industrial Organisation
- The Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation (3 awards)
- The Foundation of the Helsinki School of Economics
- The Foundation of the Swedish School of Economics

4 awards were allocated to mainly theoretical papers, whereas 2 awards were allocated to empirical ones.

The President thanked Rune and the whole Organising Committee for an extremely professional conference.

## 6. IJIO

Stephen Martin, one of the co-managing Editors, reported that the IJIO received 271 submissions in calendar year 2002, meaning an average of 20/22 submissions per month. No final decision had yet been reached or communicated for 59 papers.

Of the 212 submissions that had received a final decision, 15 had been accepted bringing the acceptance rate to 7,1% (15/212).

Stephen announced that Simon Anderson and himself would step down at the end of 2004 after having served for 7 years. Suggestions as to possible candidates for the post of managing editor should be sent to the new President, Franco Malerba. As Tore Ellingsen and Vincenzo de Nicolo stepped down from the editorial team, suggestions to replace them would also be most welcome.

## **7. Future conferences**

The President announced the locations for the next 4 conferences:

2004 – Berlin

2005 – Porto

2006 – Amsterdam

2007 – Valencia

## **8. Miscellaneous**

No further issues and no questions were raised. The meeting was adjourned.

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