



Minutes of the General Assembly

Berlin - Sunday, 5th September 2004

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MINUTES

The General Assembly was chaired by Franco Malerba, the EARIE President.

1. Minutes of the General Assembly meeting of August 2003 in Helsinki

No remarks were made. The minutes were approved.

2. Results of elections 2004 – New Officers

The President announced the results of the elections 2004. The following new members will be joining the Executive Committee after the Berlin Conference:

President-Elect

Lars-Hendrik Röller (WZB and Humboldt University Berlin, currently EU Chief Competition Economist)

National Representatives

- Matilde Machado (University Carlos III Madrid, Spain)
- Tore Nilssen (University of Oslo, Norway)
- Enrico Santarelli (University of Bologna, Italy)

The membership figures over the last 5 years were presented. The figures are showing a small overall increase resulting from increases in several large countries (F, D, I) and from the conference effect in Spain. Basically, the membership is stable.

The President reported that during their annual meeting the Executive Committee had discussed the issue of low participation from Central and Eastern European countries. One solution could be to organise an EARIE Annual Conference in one of those countries. Further thinking for other solutions will be done and suggestions coming from members are most welcome.

3. Financial results 2003

The accounts 2003 were presented by the President, who reported that EARIE was showing a healthy financial situation as well as a stable situation in terms of income, expenditures and surplus.

No remarks were made. The accounts were approved.

4. Young Economists' Essay Awards

Bengt-Arne Wickström, the chair of the EARIE Conference 2004, reported that they had received a large number of YEA submissions which had carefully been refereed. 8 papers had been selected: 4 empirical papers and 4 theoretical papers written by 4 men and 4 women.

It was recalled that the awards are granted for exceptionally innovative and high level papers submitted by young researchers who are under 35 years of age and who have completed their Ph.D. less than 5 years ago.

Bengt-Arne mentioned that these awards had been sponsored by:

- DaimlerChrysler Services
- DIW Berlin
- e.on rurgas
- Schering AG
- Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft an der Humboldt Universität

5. IJIO

Stephen Martin, one of the co-managing Editors, reported that the IJIO had received 360 submissions in calendar year 2003, meaning an average of 30 submissions per month with a 22% acceptance rate.

Stephen announced that Simon Anderson and himself would step down at the end of 2004 after having served for 7 years.

6. Report on 2004 Conference

Bengt-Arne Wickström, the chair of the EARIE Conference 2004, reported that 330 delegates had registered. 480 papers had been submitted of which 278 had been accepted and 202 rejected.

He thanked the Humboldt University Berlin for the good collaboration as well as his assistants (Sandra Wagner and Heike König) for the great job they had done over the past months and the students for their assistance during the event.

The EARIE President thanked on behalf of the Executive Committee both Bengt-Arne Wickström and Lars-Hendrik Röller for running a very well organised conference.

7. Future conferences

Antonio Brandao, the Chair of the EARIE Conference 2005 and Cristina Barbot reported that the conference will be held in the Faculdade de Economia da Universidade do Porto from September 1-4, 2005 where up to 500 delegates could be hosted. They had already contacted hotels, invited 4 speakers and were now looking for sponsoring.

Antonio announced the following important deadlines:

- December 2004: 2nd Call for Papers
- March 15, 2005: Paper submission
- May 15, 2005: Paper acceptance
- May 30, 2005: Early bird registration

He also mentioned that a pre-announcement leaflet had been handed out in Berlin and that more information could be found as of now on the conference website:

www.fep.up.pt/conferences/earie2005

The President then announced the locations for the next 3 conferences:

- 2006 – Amsterdam
- 2007 – Valencia
- 2008 – Toulouse

and invited EARIE members to send him an e-mail if they wanted to submit a proposal for hosting one of the future EARIE conferences.

8. Miscellaneous

No further issues and no questions were raised. The President thanked all attendees and invited them to Porto in 2005. The meeting was adjourned.
