

# E.A.R.I.E.

## Minutes of the General Assembly

Porto - Sunday, 4th September 2005

### **AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly meeting of August 2004 in Berlin
2. Result of elections 2005 – New Officers
3. Financial results 2004
4. Young Economists' Essay Awards
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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 2004 in Berlin

No remarks were made. The minutes were approved.

## 2. Results of elections 2005 – New Officers

The President announced the results of the elections 2005. The following new members will be joining the Executive Committee after the Porto Conference:

- Antonio Brandao (University of Porto, Portugal)
- Thomas Gehrig (University of Freiburg, Germany)
- Marco Haan (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

The membership figures over the last 5 years were presented as in Annex I. The President explained that the decrease in the membership 2005 was due to the lower number of participants at the Berlin conference 2004 because of the limited space. In any case, the figures reflect the historical pattern of leading countries: Germany, Italy, U.K., USA, France and Spain.

## 3. Financial results 2004

The accounts 2004 (see Annex II) were presented by the President, who reported that EARIE was continuously 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

Antonio Brandao, the chair of the EARIE Conference 2005, listed the winners of the EARIE 2005 Young Economists' Essay Award Competition:

- John Asker (Stern School of Business, USA)
- Alessandro Gavazza (New York University, USA)
- Boris Lokshin (University of Maastricht, The Netherlands)
- Szabolcs Lörincz (University of Toulouse, France)
- Elisabeth Mueller (Centre for European Economic Research, Germany)
- Francisco Ruiz-Aliseda (INSEAD, France)
- Philipp Schmidt-Dengler (Yale University, USA)
- Helder Vasconcelos (Università Bocconi, Italy)

and mentioned that the awards had been sponsored by:

ANACOM – Autoridade Nacional de Comunicações  
API – Agencia Portuguesa para o Investimento  
Banco de Portugal  
BPI – Banca Portuguesa de Investimento  
CGD – Caixa General de Depositos  
GALP Energia  
Instituto Portugues de Corporate Governance  
REN – Rede Electrica Nacional, S.A.

## 5. IJIO

The President reported that as of January 2005, there were 3 new Managing Editors, namely:

- Patrick Bajari, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
- Bernard Caillaud, Paris-Jourdan Sciences Economiques (CNRS-EMESS-ENPC-ENS) Paris, France
- Neil Gandal, Department of Public Policy, School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

He then summarised the work they had been doing since their appointment:

- They had recruited several new co-editors to the editorial board as well as large number of new associate editors.
- With the help of Elsevier, they established a new web page for the journal allowing authors to submit and track their manuscripts over the Internet.
- They instituted a “turbo review” process at the editorial level in order to speed up the editing process.
- They actively solicited a number of high quality empirical manuscripts for publication in the journal.

The following statistics were reported:

Total submissions to the journal:	140
Initial rapid review (IRR) rejection:	50
Sent out to Associate Editors and other Referees:	90
Rejected	18
Revise and resubmits	10
Awaiting initial Referee reports	62

Franco Malerba announced that he as the outgoing President together with the new President would work in the coming months at establishing a better relationship with the Editors and the Publisher.

## 6. Report on 2005 Conference

Antonio Brandao reported the following figures about the conference:

- Number of papers submitted: 554
- Number of papers accepted: 383
- Number of papers rejected: 71
- Number of papers withdrawn: 42 (probably 50)
- Number of referees: 82
- Number of participants: 383

The following countries were best represented: Italy, Germany, Spain, U.K., France, Belgium and USA.

Antonio thanked Pedro Marin for his hard work with the referees as well as Cristina Barbot for all her support during the past year. He apologised for smaller problems encountered.

On behalf of the EARIE community, the President thanked Antonio and his team for a successful conference very well organised.

## 7. Future conferences

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

2006 – Amsterdam  
2007 – Valencia  
2008 – Toulouse

and mentioned that he had received a proposal for hosting a future EARIE conference from the University of Bologna for which a decision still needed to be made.

## 8. Miscellaneous

The President asked the Executive Secretary to report about the revised statutes. Nicole explained that the current EARIE statutes, which had been published in the eighties, were no longer fully complying with the Belgian law related to international not for profit making associations. She pointed out that the revised version was not changing at all the corporate governance of the EARIE. The only difference she pointed out was the presence of auditors in the old statutes. The President asked the EARIE members to delegate the approval of the revised statutes to the Executive Committee. This was unanimously approved.

Franco Malerba, the current and outgoing President, then welcomed the newly elected President, Lars-Hendrik Röller, currently EU Chief Competition Economist and Professor at the Humboldt University Berlin. He briefly introduced him as a man who always had and still has important positions, is a top international scholar and a policy maker.

No further issues and no questions were raised. The President thanked all attendees and invited them to Amsterdam in 2006. The meeting was adjourned.

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