



Minutes of the General Assembly

Amsterdam - Sunday, 27th August 2006

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MINUTES

The General Assembly was chaired by Lars-Hendrik Röller, the EARIE President, who started by thanking the attendees.

1. Minutes of the General Assembly meeting of August 2005 in Porto

No remarks were made. The minutes were approved.

2. Results of elections 2006 – New Officers

The President announced the results of the **elections 2006**. The following new Administrators will be joining the Executive Committee after the Amsterdam General Assembly:

- Tomaso DUSO, WZB Berlin, Germany
- Vivek GHOSAL, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Luca LAMBERTINI, University of Bologna, Italy
- Tomaso VALLETTI, Imperial College London, UK
- Xavier WAUTHY, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
- and Jeroen HINLOOPEN who was elected automatically in accordance with the bylaws stating that the Chair of the next Annual Conference should be part of the Executive Committee.

The following Administrators will be leaving the Executive Committee after the Amsterdam General Assembly:

- Frank VERBOVEN, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
- Hans Peter MOLLGAARD, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Francesca SANNA RANDACCIO, Rome La Sapienza University, Italy

The President announced that there would be no elections in 2007 as the maximum number of Administrators authorized by the bylaws was reached. There would however be a ballot for the position of President-elect.

The following **membership** figures were presented:

Total number of members	Top 5 countries 2006
2006 → 481 members	1. Germany (60)
2005 → 451 members	2. Italy (56)
2004 → 529 members	3. Spain & UK (43)
2003 → 519 members	4. France (39)
2002 → 498 members	5. USA (32)

The President reminded that the decrease in the membership 2005 was due to the lower number of delegates at the Berlin conference in 2004 because of the limited facilities. He also expressed the hope to see more members from the Central and Eastern European countries in the next coming years.

A detailed membership list by country can be found in Annex I.

3. Financial results 2005

The accounts 2005 (see Annex II), which had been circulated beforehand, 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. Report on the EARIE Conference 2006

Jeroen Hinloopen, the Chair of the EARIE Conference 2006, reported the following figures about the conference:

- Number of papers submitted: 650
- Number of papers accepted: 390 (= 60%)
- Number of referees: slightly over 100
- Number of delegates: close to 500 (all included)

He was happy to announce that everything had gone smooth and that one third of the cost had been covered by sponsorship.

On behalf of the EARIE Executive Committee, the President thanked Jeroen for the excellent organisation and programme. He enjoyed very much the conference, and in particular the keynote speakers and the round table.

5. Young Economists' Essay Awards

This year, the jury consisted of Lars-Hendrik Röller, Sander Onderstal, Jeroen Hinloopen and Patrick van Cayseele and competition to get an award had been tough.

The Paul Geroski YEEA 2006, handed out for the first time, was awarded to:

- Yanhua Zhang (University of Toulouse)
"Forward Contracts and Collusion in the Electricity Markets"

The other three prizes were awarded to:

- Rossella Argenziano (University of Essex)
"Differentiated Networks: Equilibrium and Efficiency"
- Pai-Ling Yin (Harvard Business School)
"Information Dispersion and Auction Prizes"
- Rosa Branca Esteves (University of Minho and NIPE)
"Customer Poaching and Advertising"

5. IJIO

The President briefly reported on the work that had been done over the past months to improve the relationship with the Editor and the Publishers. It had resulted in a draft agreement that was submitted to the approval of the Executive Committee during their meeting of 26th August 2006 in Amsterdam.

Some issues had been identified, i.e. the equal role between the Publisher and EARIE and the bundling of the subscription fee with the conference fee. In view of clarifying them, the President would meet with the Publisher again after the conference and consequently re-submit a revised version of the agreement for final approval by the Executive Committee.

The IJIO statistics for the year 2005 were reported:

Total submissions: 417

173 had been rejected without review, at editor or co-editor level

13 definitively accepted

90 definitively rejected after review

39 under revision

Turnaround time: 70 days from submission to 1st decision

Papers published: 42

4 regular issues (32 articles)

1 special issue (10 articles + general introduction) on «Merger control in international markets », Guest editors: D. Neven and L.H. Röller

7. Future conferences

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

2007 – Valencia

2008 – Toulouse

Though he had received a proposal for hosting a future EARIE conference from the University of Bologna, the decision had not yet been made as he first wanted to check whether there was a possibility to run a conference jointly with the EEA.

8. Miscellaneous

The President thanked once more the members who attended this meeting and invited them to be there again in Valencia in 2007.

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