



European Association for Research in Industrial Economics

Minutes of the 2010 EARIE General Assembly
Istanbul, Turkey – 3rd September 2010

The 2010 General Assembly of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) was held in Istanbul at the Hyatt Regency (Grand Hyatt) hotel – the conference venue, and was chaired by Luís Cabral, the EARIE President. Approximately 40 EARIE members were present, including several representatives of the EARIE Executive Committee as well as Past Presidents.

The President opened the meeting at 6:25 p.m. by welcoming the EARIE members attending the 37th EARIE Annual Conference in Istanbul, Turkey – and thanked those who were present at the General Assembly for their valued participation in today's EARIE business meeting.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 EARIE General Assembly held in Ljubljana, Slovenia
2. Approval of the Accounts 2009
3. Membership Situation
4. Results of the Elections 2010
5. Report on the EARIE Conference 2010
6. Young Economists' Essay Awards (YEEAs)
7. *International Journal of Industrial Organization* (IJIO) Report 2009-2010
8. Future EARIE Conferences
9. Any Other Business / Q & A

President Cabral reviewed the Agenda and asked whether there were any additions or corrections to be made. No remarks were made.

The Agenda was approved.

[The slides used during the EARIE 2010 General Assembly as well as the reports submitted to the Executive Committee are available to current members upon request from the EARIE Secretariat.]

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the EARIE General Assembly held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 5th September 2009

The President asked if there were any comments or suggested revisions for the 2009 General Assembly Minutes (which had been distributed via e-mail to the current EARIE membership). No remarks were made.

The Minutes were unanimously approved.

[NOTE: The Minutes of recent EARIE General Assemblies are readily available online on the EARIE website (www.earie.org) under the Governance menu.]

2. Approval of the Accounts 2009

The Accounts 2009 (which had been duly circulated to the EARIE membership prior to the meeting) were reviewed by the President. He noted that EARIE was in a good financial situation as well as a being stable in terms of income, expenditures and surplus.

While reviewing the Income & Expenditures slide, the President pointed out that there was a significant drop in both figures after 2008 due to the journal having been unbundled from the membership fees as of 2009. He asked whether there were any further questions regarding the 2009 Accounts. No questions were asked and no remarks were made. The President asked the General Assembly for a show of hands to approve the accounts.

The 2009 Accounts were unanimously approved.

3. Membership Situation

The President reviewed the new unbundled membership fee structure which was implemented in 2009, and reminded members that the annual membership fee had been reduced to €35. EARIE members no longer pay for or automatically receive the journal as part of their annual membership or renewal fees, but are invited to contact Elsevier directly to order the IJIO at a special subscription rate for EARIE members.

The following membership figures for 2010 were presented on a slide:

Total number of members	Top 10 countries in 2010
2010 → <u>468</u> members (<i>to date</i>)	1. Germany (80)
2009 → 568 members	2. Spain (44)
2008 → 553 members	3. Italy (41)
2007 → 487 members	4. UK (40)
2006 → 481 members	5. France (37)
2005 → 451 members	6. Netherlands (35)
2004 → 528 members	7. USA (29)
2003 → 519 members	8. Belgium (25)
2002 → 496 members	9. Japan (18)
	10. Austria (15)

The President remarked that a significant number of EARIE members are living and working in Germany – almost double the figure from Spain, which is next in line. [Note: The membership statistics by country are based on the professional affiliations of the members, which does not always reflect their nationalities.]

4. Results of Elections 2010

President Cabral announced the results of the electronic elections held in 2010 for three new Administrators (for a 3-year term, renewable once). The newly-elected officers will take office immediately after the closure of the 2010 EARIE General Assembly in Istanbul.

The newly-elected Administrators for the next three years (2010-2013) are:

- **Greg CRAWFORD** – University of Warwick, UK
- **Winand EMONS** – University of Bern, Switzerland
- **José Luis MORAGA** – IESE Business School, Spain

The President welcomed the new Administrators to the EARIE Executive Committee and thanked them in advance for their support and commitment to the Association.

The following three Administrators will be leaving the EARIE Executive Committee after the Istanbul General Assembly since their terms will have ended:

- **Matilde MACHADO** – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- **Tore NILSEN** – University of Oslo, Norway
- **Enrico SANTARELLI** – University of Bologna, Italy

On behalf of the Association, the President thanked these members for their work as EARIE Administrators over the past 6 years.

The President announced that the next EARIE elections will be held in 2011 for several new Administrators and a President-Elect. Any suggestions for Administrators or a President-Elect should be forwarded to him directly – this would be most welcome! Electronic ballots will be distributed to all current EARIE members via e-mail when the time comes. He warmly thanked the membership for their active participation in their Association by taking the time to cast their votes each year – this is important for the future of EARIE!

5. Report on the EARIE Conference 2010

The President reviewed the two-tiered system used for the EARIE Annual Conferences – the host is responsible for all logistics and the Local Organizing Committee whereas EARIE takes charge of the Scientific Committee and the academic program thereby dividing the workload.

He invited Izak Atiyas to give an overview of EARIE 2010. The 37th EARIE Annual Conference is being hosted by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of Sabanci University – however, the main venue of the event is the Hyatt Regency (Grand Hyatt) hotel in Istanbul. The 2010 Local Organizing Committee consists of Izak Atiyas (Chair), Eren Inci and Firat Inceoglu – along with a host of wonderful volunteers! The EARIE 2010 registration and logistics are being managed by Conseptur, with Ozgur Irez at the helm. Of the 601 papers submitted, 366 were accepted resulting in about 350 presentations. There have been 371 registrations to EARIE 2010, including 87 students and 43 non-presenting delegates.

On behalf of EARIE, Luís Cabral thanked Izak Atiyas, Chair of the EARIE 2010 Local Organizing Committee, and his wonderful team for hosting this event in Istanbul at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

6. Young Economists' Essay Awards (YEEAs)

The President invited Otto Toivanen, Chair of the EARIE 2010 Scientific Committee, to say a few words about the academic program. Otto briefly reviewed the procedures used to select the conference papers and to select the best conference papers written by young economists. He thanked his team of Referees for their professionalism and great efficiency in reviewing the submissions. The Scientific Committee made a first selection of the top papers (from amongst the papers with the best rankings) and the final selection was made with the input of the EARIE President.

Thanks to the support of the EARIE Association and the EARIE 2010 Local Organizing Committee (chaired by Izak Atiyas), 3 YEEA awards of €1000 each (plus framed certificates) will be handed out. One of these has also been subtitled the 5th EARIE Paul Geroski Prize.

The President was invited to present the 3 YEEA winners during the Conference Dinner.

EARIE 2010 YEEA Winners:

- **Alexandre de Corniere** (PSE)
Targeting with consumer search: an economic analysis of keyword advertising.
- **Ryanne van Dalen** (University of Groningen)
Advertising, market power and network effects in radio broadcasting.
- **Ting Li** (Fudan University, School of Economics)
Tying in two-sided markets.
[5th EARIE Paul Geroski Prize for the most significant policy contribution]

The President officially congratulated the three YEEA winners for their excellent work and wished them success with their continued research and careers.

The President thanked Otto Toivanen and his team for their excellent work on the EARIE 2010 Program. He is pleased with the quality of this year's papers and hoped that the delegates are also finding the conference interesting and worthwhile.

7. IJIO

The President reviewed the IJIO report which had been delivered to the EARIE Executive Committee by Neil Gandal, one of the three IJIO Editors. (Unfortunately, none of the Editors could be present at this year's conference.)

He noted that this year the team started their final 3-year term as Editors, and that their report includes an interesting overview of the progress made since 2005 as well as some comments on the journal's philosophy.

The Editorial Board has some new editors: Co-Editors Ulrich Dorazelski, Justine Hastings. (Richard Jensen stepped down after many years of service.) There are also several new Associate Editors from top universities. The Scientific Advisory Board remains unchanged.

The 2009 Impact Factor is slightly lower than in 2008, but is hovering at around 1.0; the future for the journal looks bright. The respective positions of EARIE and the IJIO continue to be very positive.

In 2009, the IJIO had a total of 495 submissions. They expect more than 550 submissions in 2010. The summary statistics for 2009 submissions are:

- Rejected at Initial Review 55%
- Acceptance Rate 12%

On behalf of the IJIO Editors, the President announced the winners of the **IJIO Paul Geroski Best Article Prize** for the best papers published in the IJIO in 2009:

- **Kenneth S. Corts, Mara Lederman**
Software exclusivity and the scope of indirect network effects in the U.S. home video game market. [IJIO, March 2009, 27(2): 121-136]
- **Sarit Markovich, Johannes Moenius**
Winning while losing: Competition dynamics in the presence of indirect network effects. [IJIO, May 2009, 27(3): 346-357]

Luís Cabral is aiming to have the EARIE conference proceedings special IJIO issue published about four months after the event. This year's SI should thus be published in early 2011.

8. Future Conferences

The President thanked Marcus Asplund for agreeing to host and organize EARIE 2011 in Stockholm. The 38th EARIE Annual Conference will be held 1-3 September 2011, hosted by the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) and the Stockholm School of Economics (SSE). The Local Organizing Committee includes Marcus Asplund (Chair), Mats Bergman, Richard Friberg and Lars Persson. The 2011 Scientific Committee Chair is yet to be determined by EARIE.

He reviewed the 3-day conference outline (which will follow the usual EARIE plan for sessions) and social events. For the first 2 days the venue will likely be the KTH, whereas on Saturday the venue will be the SSE. A Welcome Reception is planned for the Thursday evening at the City Hall, and a Conference Dinner on Friday at the Vasa Museum.

The President summarized the situation regarding the few proposals received for hosting EARIE 2012 and future EARIE conferences. He appealed to the membership to get involved! Please contact the President with any suggestions or expressions of interest for hosting a future EARIE Annual Conference.

9. Other Business

President Cabral outlined his ideas and motivation for proposing to officially add two new posts to the EARIE Executive Committee: a Past President and a President-Elect. Implementing these changes would require modifications to the current Statutes as well as official approval by the EARIE membership / General Assembly. However, this would formalize the procedures and ensure continuity for the future – the one-year overlap of the President-Elect and the President being a key factor, as well as acknowledging the importance from a historical perspective of including the most recent Past President on the Executive Committee.

The President also mentioned that he would like to see EARIE take decisions electronically, if feasible – so that the physical presence of members at a General Assembly would not be necessary each year. He will investigate this matter further to find out what the best possible scenario(s) for EARIE in this regard might be. However, as a matter of democratic procedure and transparency, the current practices will be followed until new ones are approved.

The President asked whether there were any other comments or concerns. No further issues or questions were raised. He thanked the members who attended this General Assembly for their time and participation, and invited them to attend EARIE 2011 in Stockholm next year.

All delegates were invited to the Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation on Saturday evening – to take place on a boat cruising the Bosphorus Sea. The President also wished everyone a good last day of the conference tomorrow, and a safe journey back home after EARIE 2010.

The General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
