



# European Association for Research in Industrial Economics

Minutes of the 2013 EARIE General Assembly  
Évora, Portugal – September 1, 2013

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The 2013 General Assembly (GA) of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) was held on September 1, 2013, in the Auditorium of the Center for Advanced Studies in Management & Economics of the University of Évora (CEFAGE-UE) and was chaired by Patrick Rey, the EARIE President. Approximately 75 delegates / EARIE members were present, including several representatives of the EARIE Executive Committee, some Past Presidents, and the President-Elect.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed the EARIE delegate members attending the 40<sup>th</sup> EARIE Annual Conference in Évora, Portugal – thanking those who were present at the General Assembly for their participation in this important annual EARIE business meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 2012 EARIE General Assembly held in Rome, Italy
2. Approval of the Accounts 2012
3. Membership Situation
4. Elections 2012 & 2013
5. Report on the EARIE Annual Conference 2013
6. Young Economists' Essay Awards (YEEAs) 2013
7. *International Journal of Industrial Organization* (IJIO) Report 2012-2013
8. Future EARIE Conferences
9. Any Other Business / Q & A

President Rey quickly reviewed the proposed GA Agenda (which had been previously circulated via e-mail to the current membership, as per the Statutes) and asked whether there were any additions or revisions to be made. No remarks to this effect were voiced.

**The EARIE 2013 General Assembly Agenda was approved.**

*[NOTE: The slides for the EARIE 2013 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 Rome, Italy, on September 4, 2012

The President asked if there were any comments on or final revisions to be made to the 2012 General Assembly Minutes. (The link to this document had been circulated via e-mail to the current EARIE membership along with the GA announcement.) No remarks were made.

**The Minutes of the last EARIE General Assembly were unanimously approved.**

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

## 2. Approval of the Accounts 2012

The 2012 Accounts (which had been duly circulated to the EARIE membership prior to the GA) were summarised by President Patrick Rey as he went over the Income & Expenditures and then the Balance Sheet for the calendar year 2012. He commented that the financial situation currently shows that, despite the small deficit of about €500 incurred for the past two years, there is enough of a disaster reserve in the savings account to potentially cover one EARIE Annual Conference (should the need arise). EARIE continues to be financially stable, and the annual membership has increased considerably in 2013 (by over 150 members) thanks mostly to the high participation at EARIE 2012 Rome last year. Now that EARIE has a VAT number, some of the tax transfers between international organisations can be (partially) defrayed.

The President asked if there were any questions regarding the EARIE Accounts. No questions were raised; the President then put forward a motion to the GA to approve the 2012 Accounts.

**The 2012 EARIE Accounts were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.**

The President reminded the GA that last year the proposal to increase the EARIE annual dues from €35 to €40 (including VAT) to cover increased operational costs had been approved; he noted that this small rise in EARIE membership fees has been implemented for the 2014 dues.

## 3. Membership Situation

The President reviewed the EARIE membership figures over the past decade:

<i>Total # members per calendar year</i>		<i>Top 10 countries in 2013</i>
2013	→ <u>549</u> members ( <i>to date</i> )	1. Germany (82)
2012	→ 388 members	2. Italy (65)
2011	→ 457 members	3. USA (51)
2010	→ 464 members	4. France (46)
2009	→ 567 members	5. UK (46)
2008	→ 551 members	6. Spain (36)
2007	→ 487 members	7. Japan (27)
2006	→ 481 members	8. Belgium (25)
2005	→ 451 members	9. Austria (17)j
2004	→ 528 members	10. Portugal (16)

[NOTE: The EARIE membership statistics by country are based on the professional affiliations of EARIE members (as per the information stored in their profiles), which do not necessarily reflect their nationalities nor countries of origin.]

President Rey remarked that Germany continues to top the list, Italy has almost climbed to the top of the list (mainly due to the 'conference factor' from 2012), membership from the US has more than doubled, France and the UK are tied this year (France is listed first purely by alpha order...) – and he welcomed Portugal to the Top 10 list (very appropriate for the host country).

The President reminded the GA that the delegates from this year's EARIE conference in Évora would be the main influence on the 2014 membership numbers – and urged those who don't attend a given EARIE Annual Conference to nonetheless renew their memberships online each year; EARIE greatly appreciates this additional support and show of loyalty by its members.

#### **4. Elections 2012 & 2013**

President Rey reminded the GA that there had been an anonymous vote by electronic ballot last fall – and welcomed aboard the following EARIE Administrators for the 2012-2015 term:

- Heski BAR-ISAAC – Rotman School of Management, Canada
- Natalia FABRA – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- Alberto IOZZI – Università di Roma "Tor Vergata", Italy
- Hans-Theo NORMANN – Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), Germany
- Trond E. OLSEN – Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Norway
- Marco OTTAVIANI – Bocconi University, Italy
- Yossef (Yossi) SPIEGEL – Tel Aviv University, Israel

The President announced that the EARIE Executive Committee has unanimously approved the nomination of John SUTTON (London School of Economics, UK) as the next EARIE President-Elect – he will serve one year in this capacity, after which he will take on the role of EARIE President. The General Assembly was asked for their vote of approval for this appointment.

#### **The nomination of John Sutton as the next EARIE President was unanimously approved by the 2013 General Assembly.**

President Rey proclaimed that, as per the recently revised EARIE Statutes, the official term of Past President Luís Cabral on the Executive Committee is now over – and warmly thanked him for his unequivocal support and invaluable contributions over the past 2 years in this role; he noted that Luís Cabral will nonetheless continue to serve one more year as the Administrator representing the United States (i.e., the mandate he had prior to taking on the presidency).

The President is confident that this new 3-pronged overlapping system of EARIE presidents will benefit EARIE in the long run as well as provide continuity with respect to the decisions and directions taken over the years. He himself is proud to be serving as the first President in this system – and acknowledged President Cabral's great role in having implemented it for EARIE.

As per a policy proposed by President Rey which was agreed to at last year's General Assembly in Rome, to ensure active participation and representation on the Executive Committee, those elected Administrators whose first 3-year term is coming to an end are to be approached by the President to invite them to serve a second (non-renewable) term (rather than the term of service automatically rolling over after 3 years). The President was pleased to report that the 3 EARIE Administrator's whose first terms are ending today have all agreed to serve a second 3-year term covering the period 2013-2016:

- Greg CRAWFORD – University of Warwick, UK
- Winand EMONS – University of Bern, Switzerland
- José Luis MORAGA – IESE, Spain / ICREA, Spain / University of Groningen, Netherlands

As there no Administrators are stepping down this year, no e-ballot is needed. The President took this opportunity to formally thank the Executive Committee members for their efforts as EARIE Administrators over the past and coming years – as well as for the welcome support and invaluable historical input of those Past Presidents who join in the annual meetings each year. He also thanked the membership for their participation in their Association by taking the time to cast their votes – and to add their suggestions for future Executive Committee members.

#### **5. Report on the EARIE Conference 2013**

On behalf of the delegates and membership, the President thanked the EARIE 2013 team at CEFAGE-UE, University of Évora, for their hard work in realising this year's conference – and in

particular, Cesaltina Pires for efficiently heading up the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Kudos to Tommaso Valletti (the EARIE 2012 LOC Chair in Rome last year) who acted as the Scientific Committee Chair for EARIE 2013 in Évora – the 40th EARIE Annual Conference.

Cesaltina Pires was invited to say a few words. In addition to the interesting locations and social activities that have been arranged for the EARIE 2013 delegates, she reviewed the vital statistics: 600 submissions to the conference yielded 340 paper presentations and around 400 delegates. Cesaltina thanked the many sponsors of this year's event, and noted that the Évora team only committed to additional social events once the money was available (except for the gala dinner in Convento do Espinheiro which was already accounted for right from the start). They covered travel and accommodation for the invited speakers – which gave them more clout with hotels for acquiring preferential booking rates for EARIE 2013. Although there are still some outstanding administrative costs and IT fees to consider, she pledged delivery of a healthy surplus to EARIE post conference.

President Rey thanked Cesaltina Pires and the EARIE 2013 LOC as well as the sponsors for the generous contributions towards this year's Annual Conference as well as the future of EARIE. The President also warmly thanked all delegates and members for participating in EARIE 2013.

## 6. Young Economists' Essay Awards (YEEAs) 2013

On behalf of the EARIE 2013 Scientific Chair, Tommaso Valletti, the President briefly reviewed the procedures used to select the conference papers as well as the best conference papers written by young economists. He thanked the team of Referees for their professionalism and diligence in reading and 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, among other notable individuals.

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and the EARIE 2013 Local Organizing Committee (chaired by Cesaltina Pires), 3 YEEA prizes of €1000 each (plus certificates) were handed out in Évora. One of these was also recognized as the 8<sup>th</sup> EARIE Paul Geroski Prize (for the most significant policy contribution). The EARIE President was invited to co-present the 3 YEEA prizes to the winners during the conference dinner, along with the Scientific and LOC Chairs.

### EARIE 2013 YEEA Winners:

- **Paul Grieco** (Pennsylvania State University)  
*Productivity and Quality in Health Care: Evidence from the Dialysis Industry.*
- **Marit Hinno Saar** (Northwestern University)  
*Time Inconsistency and Alcohol Sales Restrictions.*
- **Christian Waibel** (ETH Zurich)  
*Price Competition and Reputation in Credence Goods Markets: Experimental Evidence.*  
[8<sup>th</sup> **EARIE Paul Geroski Prize** for the most significant policy contribution]

### YEEA 2013 Selection Committee:

John Asker, Luís Cabral, Liran Einav, Patrick Rey, Yossi Spiegel, Tommaso Valletti (Chair).

The President congratulated the YEEA winners, thanking the Évora organizers and sponsors for their contributions and support of the EARIE 2013 Programme and Awards. He is very pleased with the quality of this year's papers and hopes that the delegates also found the conference stimulating and worthwhile. Although Tommaso Valletti was no longer on site, the President initiated a round of applause for his notable contribution in having put together an exemplary academic programme for EARIE 2013 Évora.

## 7. IJIO Report 2012-2013

On behalf of the IJIO Editors, the President briefed the membership on the IJIO Report that was presented to the EARIE Executive Committee, covering 2012-2013. He gave highlights of the recent changes and noted the new names on the Editorial Board, thanks to the selections

made by the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB includes three EARIE representatives (nominated by the EARIE Executive Committee): Luís Cabral, Patrick Rey, Michael Waterson.

The Editors have recently announced the 2013 winners of the IJIO Paul Geroski Award for the best papers published in the IJIO in 2012.

- Theory:  
**Luís Cabral, Arthur Fishman**  
*Business as usual:*  
*A consumer search theory of sticky prices and asymmetric price adjustment.*  
[IJIO, July 2012, 30(4): 371-376]
- Applied:  
**Matthew S. Lewis**  
*Price leadership and coordination in retail gasoline markets with price cycles.*  
[IJIO, July 2012, 30(4): 342-351]

EARIE and Elsevier (publisher of IJIO) continue to maintain a mutually beneficial relationship. Over the coming year, the EARIE President and IJIO Publisher plan to fully review the existing Agreement with a view to updating it to better reflect the current nature of the partnership.

## 8. Future EARIE Conferences

The President announced that the 41st EARIE Annual Conference will take place August 29-31, 2014, in Milan, Italy – and will be similar to this year’s format and timing (which helps to draw delegates from the US and North America as it accommodates their Labour Day holiday and start of the school year in early September). The EARIE 2014 Milan programme will therefore adhere to the traditional 3-day format, and will run from Friday to Sunday. The conference host and venue is Bocconi University; Michele Polo will act as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Heski Bar-Isaac (Rotman School of Management, Canada) was approached and has agreed to serve as the Chair of the EARIE 2014 Scientific Committee (SC). President Rey thanked the organisers and Bocconi authorities for agreeing to host and stage the event; he looks forward to seeing many members and delegates at EARIE 2014 in Milan next year.

The President summarized the situation regarding the few proposals received for hosting future EARIE Annual Conferences. He challenged the EARIE membership to become more involved in their Association by promoting this professional conference throughout their own networks and communication channels. Any comments, suggestions or expressions of interest for hosting a future EARIE Annual Conference should be directed to the attention of the EARIE President at [earie@eiasm.org](mailto:earie@eiasm.org).

## 9. Any Other Business / Q & A

The President asked the audience whether there were any other comments, questions, or concerns related to EARIE and its activities; no further issues or questions were raised.

President Rey again congratulated the Évora team for their warm reception and conference. He also thanked the EARIE Executive Secretary, Ene Kannel, and the team at EIASM for their day-to-day work behind the scenes and throughout the year to support and promote EARIE. On behalf of EARIE, Patrick Rey thanked those attending this General Assembly for their time and participation, and invited all members to attend EARIE 2014 in Milan, Italy, next year.

EARIE 2013 LOC Chair, Cesaltina Pires, reminded those delegates participating in the special wine-tasting tour to Herdade do Esporão, followed by a scenic stop at the medieval village of Monsaraz, where to gather soon for the chartered buses, as well as related logistics.

The 2013 EARIE General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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