



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Porto on 5 September 2017

Present: Attila Pausits (EAIR Chair), Ton Kallenberg (EAIR Treasurer), Rosalind Pritchard (EAIR Secretary), Gerlof Groenewoud (EAIR Executive Director) and other EAIR members as specified on attendance list held by Secretariat.

1. Welcome by Chair and Announcements

The Chair welcomed the members and announced changes to the composition of the Executive. Jeroen Huisman will step down from the EC; Attila Pausits, Clare Milsom and Nicoline Frølich will all take up a new three year term of EC membership: there were three positions open on the EC, and three candidates, so no election was necessary.

2. The Minutes of the AGM held in Birmingham on 2 September 2016 were approved.

3. The Annual Report 2016-17 was presented by the Chair and approved by the members.

The existing Strategy Plan runs to 2017; thereafter a new one for the years 2018 to 2023 will be required; ideas are solicited for this from the membership.

The contract with Routledge for Tertiary Education and Management is coming to an end. A new and more lucrative contract may involve a decision about hard copy versus online access or Print on Demand. Some countries may find online access difficult to obtain, and this possibility ought to be borne in mind. A “straw poll” of preferences at the AGM revealed that online was the first choice of most people in attendance at the meeting.

4. Finances

The EAIR Treasurer, Ton Kallenberg, reported a negative result over the financial year 2016 of Euros 24,551: the 2016 EAIR Birmingham Forum had fewer participants and lower sponsorship rates than expected. The maximum has been done to reduce Secretariat expenses. EAIR reserves are now Euros 73,443.

The Audit Committee stated that the financial data presented to them give an adequate view of the 2016 activities and the financial state of affairs of the Association. The Audit Committee recommends exonerating the Honorary Treasurer from culpability, as permitted under Dutch Law, and this was agreed.

Appointment of Audit Committee. Nynke Jo Smit, Joke Hageman and Marianne Quekel were thanked for their work. The AGM consented the re-appointment of Nynke Jo Smit, Joke Hageman and Marianne Quekel as members of the Audit Committee for the year 2018 (financial year 2017).

Membership fee. Remains at Euros 165 for 2018.

5. TEAM & Publisher

In the absence of TEAM Editor Malcolm Tight, the EAIR Chair Attila Pausits reported that the copy flow is good and citations are rising. He also called for more papers from *within* the EAIR as opposed to *outwith* it.



6. Future Forums

The Central European University (CEU) has agreed to host the 2018 EAIR Forum and it will reliably take place in Budapest from 26 to 29 August 2018. The CHER conference is scheduled for 30 August to 1 September 2018; as a result of this end-on sequence those who wish could attend both conference if so desired. No decision has yet been made about the hosting of the 2019 EAIR Forum.

7. Other business

Outstanding Paper by scholars aged 35 or under: the nature of the Award was queried. A journal subscription (as at present) is an insubstantial reward for this achievement. A fee waiver for a future Forum would be more appropriate.

Marketing. The Chair outlined what was being done at present and alluded to the Strategic Plan, especially the link between Research, Policy and Practice. It may be possible to provide additional services to universities, and an audit process will help to widen the range of ideas. These will be actively solicited from the membership.

The Chair welcomed the newly appointed EC members, Clare Milsom, Nicoline Frølich. The outgoing EC member Jeroen Huisman, was warmly thanked for all his commitment and hard work, for serving nine years in the EAIR EC.

This concluded the AGM business. Minutes prepared by Rosalind Pritchard