

**Minutes EAERE General Assembly meeting
Venice, June 26, 1998**

Friday, June 26, 19.30 hours

1. Opening.

Aart de Zeeuw opens the meeting.

2. Appointment Secretary General.

Aart de Zeeuw announces that the EAERE Council has appointed Erwin Bulte (Tilburg University) as secretary general.

3. Appointment Vice-President.

Aart de Zeeuw announces that the EAERE Council has appointed Frank Convery as Vice President.

4. Location Secretariat.

Aart de Zeeuw announces that, for efficiency reasons, the EAERE secretariat has moved from Milan to Tilburg. Annemieke Dees is the new contact person.

5. Nomination Auditors.

Aart explains that the Council proposes two candidates for the job of auditor: Rauscher (University of Rostock) and Petrakis (University of Crete). The General Assembly approves.

6. Annual conferences 1999/2000/2001

Aart de Zeeuw explains that Rolf Golombek and Michael Hoel will organize the next EAERE meeting in Oslo. The organization is well under way. In the year 2000, EAERE goes south again. Xepapadeas and Petrakis are asked to host the conference at the University of Crete. In 2003, a second World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists will be organized.

7. Workshops

Aart de Zeeuw describes the history of EAERE workshops (organized twice in Venice, and twice in Wageningen). Workshops are very useful for Ph.D. students as it allows them to interact and learn about each other's work. Henk Folmer plans to combine a workshop with an NWO symposium in October 1998. In addition, Thomas Sterner has indicated that an advanced 5-week course will be organized in November this year at the University of Goteborg. The course is designated for students from the third world. However, Ph.D. students from other universities in Europe are free to participate at no extra cost, as long as the home university pays travel and living expenses. The total number of Ph.D. students is limited to 5.

8. Membership

Aart mentions that EAERE currently has 327 listed members, but that some people still have to renew their membership for 1998. The EAERE secretariat will send out one additional reminder for membership renewal in the fall, and people who do not pay the fee by that time are removed from the membership list. Aart mentions that

rotation of members is fast, and that the Council is considering additional services to members.

- It was suggested by the audience that it would be easier if people could pay membership for 3 years at once. Aart de Zeeuw mentions that this is already possible.

- Peter Parks indicates that it would be useful if the organizers of the 1999 EAERE conference include a membership form in the conference package. Domenico Siniscalco mentions that the membership form can be downloaded from Internet. Aart de Zeeuw will mention the option to include the membership form in the package to Golombek and Hoel.

9. EAERE account activity.

Allessandro Lanza mentions that the EAERE bank account in Milan is not closed yet, but will be closed after the summer. The remaining money will be transferred to the new EAERE account in Tilburg.

Thomas Zylicz is auditor and mentions that the numbers in the books are consistent with bank receipts. He proposes to invest some of the capital that has accumulated over the years. For example to support workshops and student facilities. Aart de Zeeuw responds that EAERE has supported the World Conference with an amount of US\$7,500 (funds were targeted to support third world participants), and that the Council is considering additional 'investments' in the future.

10. Other Business

Domenico Siniscalco wishes the new team success.

11. Closing

The president closes the meeting at 20.15 hours.

Erwin Bulte

Aart de Zeeuw