



## MINUTES OF THE 2009 EAERE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

First convocation:  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, from 9.00 to 10.30  
EAERE headquarters – Castello 5252, Venice, Italy

Second convocation:  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 13.00 to 14.00  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands – VU University

The first convened General Assembly did not reach the requested quorum to validly deliberate. The General Assembly was therefore held in second convocation.

The General Assembly was presided by the President of the Association, Thomas Sterner. He welcomed EAERE members attending and opened the meeting. The Assembly appointed Monica Eberle as secretary. The General Assembly approved the proposed agenda.

The President extended his gratitude, on behalf of EAERE, to the Amsterdam conference Local Organising Committee (Harmen Verbruggen – chair, Franks Beckout, Marjan Hofkes, Cees Withagen, Daan Van Soest and Hadewijch Van Delft), to the co-chairs of the Programme Committee (Geir Asheim, Daan Van Soest, Cees Withagen) and to the Programme Committee members for the outstanding work they have done for the organisation of this year's annual conference.

The President extended the Association's gratitude also to the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, and in particular to Carlo Carraro and Monica Eberle, for the work FEEM has been doing in the management of the EAERE Permanent Secretariat.

The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly of Members held in Gothenburg on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The President informed that as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 the Association had 952 members and presented the final 2008 EAERE Membership profile (see enclosed slides presented by the President).

The General Assembly ratified the Council's acceptance of the applications for individual and institutional memberships received for calendar year 2009 and calendar years 2009-2010-2011, with no exceptions. The President extended the Association's gratitude for the support of all members, and in particular for the financial support received from institutional members.

The President announced the EAERE Supporters of year 2009 (those members who get 2 or more new members to join EAERE in calendar year 2009): Thierry Brechet, Gerard Gaudet, Nick Hanley, Pierre Lasserre and Mordechai Shechter. EAERE supporters attending the General Assembly were honoured with a bottle of wine as a symbolic recognition for their efforts towards member recruitment.

Thomas Sterner presented the set of candidates for the 2009 elections: Ignazio Musu and Karine Nyborg are candidates for President; Matti Liski, Michael Rauscher, Catarina Roseta-Palma and Milan Ščasný are candidates for council members. The President extended his gratitude for the Nominating Committee (Anastasios Xepapadeas – chair, Ian Bateman and Partha Dasgupta) for their work.

The President reminded the Assembly that the Erik Kempe awardees 2009 will be announced at the Saturday plenary session. He expressed his gratitude to the Erik Kempe Foundation who agreed to continue the prize, to Karl-Gustaf Lofgren for his efforts towards the continuation of the prize, and to the members of the Nominating Committee (Thomas Aronsson – chair, Anne-Sophie Crépin, and Partha Dasgupta).

He reminded also that the winners of the EAERE Outstanding Awards 2009 (Agnar Sandmo and Bert Metz) will be honoured on the Saturday plenary session. He expressed his gratitude to the Nominating Committee (Santiago Rubio - chair, Thomas Sterner, Sjak Smulders and Juan Carlos Ciscar - technical advisor).

Thomas Sterner announced that to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation, FEEM will bestow the FEEM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, a € 10.000 prize that FEEM is conferring to a researcher or a group of researchers from anywhere

in the world who have most significantly contributed to the development of the field of environmental and resource economics. EAERE was invited to appoint two members of the Scientific Committee. The winner will be officially announced during the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress.

On behalf of the EAERE Council, the President proposed that Frank Convery be appointed Honorary President of the Association. Amongst the numerous reasons behind this proposal, are the many nominations for the EAERE Outstanding Awards that Frank Convery has been receiving since the prize inauguration, in both categories. The Council noticed the need of recognising the high esteem, gratitude and appreciation that the EAERE membership feels towards Frank Convery and believes that a nomination as Honorary President is the best way of acknowledging this. The proposed Honorary Presidency does not constitute a new board of the Association, is carried out in full agreement with the EAERE Statutes, and gives consultative advice both to the Council and the Assembly of Members. The General Assembly unanimously approved the appointment and Frank Convery accepted it.

Thomas Sterner brought to the Assembly's attention the need of finding new ways to promote policy impact of environmental economics. He informed that the Council approved the constitution of a committee named The Presidents Council chaired by Frank Convery and comprised of former EAERE Presidents with the primary task of pursuing this objective, in agreement with art. 14 of our statutes and in accordance with directions issued by the Council.

The President presented the calendar of future EAERE events (see attached slides for a detailed calendar):

Annual Conferences:

- 2010: 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists. The President informed that the congress website is already online, that the main deadlines have already been set and that keynote speakers have already been announced. He extended his gratitude to Gerard Gaudet, Pierre Lasserre, and Sjak Smulders for their efforts for the organisation of an outstanding conference.

- 2011: The President announced that the University Tor Vergata, Rome, has been entrusted with the organisation of the 18<sup>th</sup> EAERE Annual Conference, to be held in 2011. The President extended his gratitude to Laura Castellucci and Alessio D'Amato - respectively chair and vice-chair of the EAERE 2011 Local Organising Committee - for their support to the Association's activities and look forward to cooperating in the organisation of the event.

EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer Schools:

- 2009: Economics, Transport and Environment. Co-ordinator: Stef Proost
- 2010: Climate Change Negotiations. Co-ordinator: Santiago Rubio

Supported Events:

- Tenth Annual Conference on Environmental Taxation "Water Management and Climate Change", Lisbon, 23-25/09/2009

Thomas Sterner encouraged members to reply to the call for proposals on workshops, conferences, schools and training courses in environmental economics. The full text of the call, available also in the EAERE website, was presented.

The President stressed the important role that Country Representatives play within the Association, both in terms of recruitment of new members and in terms of communication at the national level, and thanked Country Representatives for their efforts and support.

On behalf of the Board of Auditors, comprised of Johan Eyckmans and Cathrine Hagem, the President presented the final accounts for calendar year 2008 (see enclosed slides presented by the President). The Board of auditors and the General Assembly approved the accounts. The President reported that the positive balance accrued in year 2008 will be used to cover the expected deficit of year 2010; this deficit is expected as 2010 is the year of the World Congress, when in general there is a drop in income both from membership and levy.

The President presented the preliminary budgets for 2009 and 2010 (see enclosed slides), which were approved by the Assembly. The President explained that the expected positive balance matured in year 2009 will be considered as provisions against future expenses (Summer School series, sponsored activities, 20<sup>th</sup> EAERE Anniversary).

As regards the membership fees for year 2010, the President informed the Assembly that the Council repropose the ones offered in 2009, with one modification regarding the cost of the subscription to the paper version of ERE, which increased by 3 euros. The Assembly approved the proposed fees.

Ian Bateman, ERE joint Chief-Director, presented to the Assembly the good state of the Journal. Details of his speech are available in the enclosed slides he presented at the Assembly. The President, on behalf of EAERE, extended his gratitude for the remarkable work that Ian Bateman, the members of the ERE Managing Board, and the reviewers have been doing for the success of the Journal.

There were no other issues to be discussed. The President adjourned the meeting.



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Thomas Sterner, President



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Monica Eberle, Secretary