



MINUTES OF THE 2010 EAERE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

First convocation:
June 23rd, 2010, from 9.00 to 10.30
EAERE headquarters – Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, Italy

Second convocation:
July 1st, 2010, from 12.35 to 14.00
Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)
Montreal, Canada

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

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

The Assembly approved the minutes of the General Assembly of Members held in Amsterdam on June 26th, 2009.

Partha presented the EAERE Council 2010-2011, which is comprised of:

President:	Partha DASGUPTA, Cambridge University, UK
Vice President:	Barbara BUCHNER, Climate Policy Initiative - Venice, Italy
President-Elect:	Karine NYBORG, University of Oslo, Norway
Past President:	Thomas STERNER, Gothenburg University, Sweden
Council Members:	Anne-Sophie CRÉPIN, The Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Sweden Matti LISKI, Helsinki School of Economics, Finland Catarina ROSETA PALMA, Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL), Portugal
Secretary General:	Monica EBERLE, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy

According to the Association's statutes (art. 14), the Council can nominate individuals or groups of individuals to give consultative advice in specific matters. In order to strengthen the Association's efforts in promoting policy impact of environmental economics, the Council intends to appoint a person active in the policy sphere with a two-year mandate to give consultative advice to the Council. This "policy advisor" will be invited to attend Council's meetings. The President invite members to suggest names.

The President informed that as of June 28th, 2010 the Association had 925 members and presented the 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 2010 and calendar years 2010-2011-2012, 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. Partha Dasgupta encouraged members to attract new institutional members to join the Association.

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): Ian Bateman and Nick Hanley (the latter was EAERE supporter also for year 2008). EAERE supporters attending the General Assembly were honoured with a bottle of wine as a symbolic recognition for their efforts towards member recruitment.

The EAERE membership was informed that the following call for applications will be launched:
- Outstanding Awards 2011 (European Lifetime Achievement Award in Environmental Economics, and European Practitioner Achievement Award in Applying Environmental Economics) – call for applications expected to be launched on July 2010, with Nominating Committee comprised of Santiago Rubio - chair, Thomas Sterner, Sjak Smulders and Juan Carlos Ciscar - technical advisor.

- Erik Kempe Award 2011 - call for applications expected to be launched on January 2011, with Nominating Committee comprised of Erwin Bulte, Karine Nyborg and Thomas Aronsson – chair.

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

Annual Conferences:

The President extended his gratitude, on behalf of EAERE, to the Montreal congress Local Organising Committee, and in particular to Gerard Gaudet and Pierre Lasserre, to the co-chairs of the Programme Committee (Gerard Gaudet, Pierre Lasserre, and Sjak Smulders) and to the Programme Committee members for the outstanding work they have done for the organisation of this world congress.

- 2011: 18th EAERE Annual Conference, Rome, Italy. 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 Laura Castellucci, Alessio D'Amato, Till Requate and to the other members of the Local Organising and Programme Committees for their efforts for the organisation of an outstanding conference.

- 2012: 19th EAERE Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic. The President announced that the Charles University in Prague, in cooperation with the University of Economics, has been entrusted with the organisation of EAERE/2012. The President extended his gratitude to Milan Scasny, chair of the Local Organising Committee and co-chair of the Programme Committee, and to Bengt Kristrom, co-chair of the Programme Committee, for their support to the Association's activities and look forward to cooperating in the organisation of the event.

- 2013: 20th EAERE Annual Conference. The call for proposals for organising this conference is open, with deadline December 15th, 2010. Members are encouraged to apply or to invite colleagues with good organisational skills and experience to apply.

The Assembly pushed the Association to put more emphasis for attracting the public sector and companies to participate in the Association's events.

The opportunity of organising sponsored sessions was discussed. It was agreed that this kind of sessions are in principle welcome for their contribution to the conference budget, but that care needs to be exercised in the relationship with sponsors. Papers presented in these sessions should go through the regular referee process. It was also agreed that the Programme Committee, in accordance with the Council, can decide on sponsorships.

Summer Schools:

- EAERE-FEEM-VIU 2010: Climate Change Negotiations. Co-ordinator: Santiago Rubio. The President informed the Assembly that this year's Summer School is run with the partnership of the International Center for Global Governance (ICCG), Italy, and thanked ICCG for its financial support.

- EAERE-FEEM-VIU 2011: International Water Management, Co-ordinator: Ariel Dinar

- Belpasso International Summer School 2010: The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Conservation. Co-ordinators: Giovanni Signorello, Paulo A.L.D. Nunes

Supported Events:

- International Summer School: Advances in Discrete Choice Models and Experimental Design for Stated Choice - 27 September – 1 October 2010, Venice, Italy

- International Conference on: "Environmental and Natural Resources Management in Developing and Transition Economies" - 18 - 19 Novembre 2010, Clermont-Ferrand, France

Partha Dasgupta 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 Katrin Millock and Johan Eyckmans, the President presented the final accounts for calendar year 2009 (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 2009 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 and due to the fact that the Association at the moment did not manage to raise funds in order to reduce the EAERE-FEEM-VIU Summer School's pressure on its budget.

The President presented the preliminary budgets for 2010 and 2011 (see enclosed slides), which were approved by the Assembly.

As regards the membership fees for year 2011, the President informed the Assembly that the Council proposes the ones offered in 2010, with one modification regarding the cost of the subscription to the paper version of ERE, which increased by Euro 0,83. The Assembly approved the proposed fees.

Santiago Rubio and Sjak Smulders were appointed auditors for years 2011 and 2012.

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.

Trudy Ann Cameron, on behalf of AERE, informed that AERE will inaugurate their annual meeting next year, on 9-10 June 2011. The AERE Annual meeting will start with 9 sessions. Partha Dasgupta wished much success to the AERE annual conferences. Both the Associations committed to avoid clashes between the schedules of the two events.

The President extended the Association's gratitude to the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei for the work FEEM has been doing in the management of the EAERE Permanent Secretariat.

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

Partha Dasgupta, President

Monica Eberle, Secretary