

EAERE Annual General Assembly of Members

Zurich, Switzerland

25 June 2016

**MINUTES**

First convocation: June 17 th , 2016, from 9.00 to 11.00 EAERE Headquarters Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore, 8 Venice, Italy	Second convocation: June 25 th , 2016, from 12.30 to 14.30 ETH Zurich Zentrum (Main Building) Raemistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich, Switzerland
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The first convened General Assembly of members 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, Lucas Bretschger. He welcomed EAERE members attending and opened the meeting. The Assembly appointed Monica Eberle as secretary. The General Assembly approved the proposed agenda.

1. Association's Governance**a. Presentation of EAERE Council 2016-2017****b. Presentation of EAERE Policy Advisor 2016-2017**

The President presented the EAERE Council 2016-2017 and the EAERE Policy Advisor 2016-2017:

Lucas Bretschger	President (legal representative)
Carlo Carraro	President-Elect
Anil Markandya	Past President
Valentina Bosetti	Vice President 2016, Council member (2014-2017)
Karen Pittel	Vice President 2017, Council member (2014-2017)
Mireille Chiroleu-Assouline	Council member (2016-2019)
Astrid Dannenberg	Council member (2016-2019)
Monica Eberle	Secretary General (2016-2019)
Herman Vollebergh	Policy Advisor (2016-2017)

c. Call for expressions of interest for the EAERE Permanent Secretariat from 2020 onwards

The MoU between EAERE and FEEM for the EAERE Permanent Secretariat terminates in December 31st, 2019. The Presidents announced that an open call for secretariat services will be launched in the Fall of 2017.

2. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of Members held on June 27th, 2015

The minutes of the General Assembly of Members held on June 27th, 2015 were approved.

The minutes are available on the EAERE website at www.eaere.org/content/assembly-members.

3. Accounts**a. Final Accounts 2015: Board of Auditors and Internal Advisory Board of Auditors' reports and accounts approval**

The year 2015 final accounts, the Board of Auditor's report and the Internal Board of Auditors' were presented. The AGM approved the accounts. The 2015 final accounts are available on the EAERE website at www.eaere.org/content/assembly-members.

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**b. Preliminary budgets for 2016 and 2017 (including membership fees)**

The President presented the preliminary budget for EAERE/2016. He informed the Assembly that the Council agreed that it is a good practice to present similar slides to the membership: future LOCs will be invited to provide such information for the Assembly in the future.

The President presented the preliminary budgets for 2016 and 2017, which included the following Council's recommendations:

- ✓ EUR 100.000 to be the target as net equity in 2021.
- ✓ The levy to be resumed to EUR 65 from 2017 onwards.
- ✓ Full individual membership fees to be increased from EUR 45 to EUR 50 from 2017; the expected extra income of EUR 3.000 deriving from this increase is intended to be used for travel grants.
- ✓ A new Winter School series "EAERE-ETH European Winter School in Environmental and Resource Economics", to be started in January 2018 at Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland. It consists of:
 - One-week course in January (5 days)
 - Open to doctoral and postdoctoral students in environmental and resource economics
 - 23 – 30 students, 5 lecturers, 2 organizers
 - Partnership with ETH, represented by Lucas Bretschger and Alexandra Vinogradova
 - Topics and school coordinators decided by the EAERE council in cooperation with ETH
 - Winter School Secretariat provided by ETH
 - No honorarium for speakers
 - Financial participation of students (EUR 300)
 - Co-Funding of EAERE (EUR 8.000/year)
- ✓ A participation fee of EUR 300 to be charged to participants in the Winter and Summer School starting in 2017.
- ✓ From year 2017, the Summer School to move from San Servolo Island (VIU) to San Giorgio Island (FEEM), with an expected savings of EUR 3.500.

The Assembly approved the projections with the following modifications:

- ✓ The new institutional membership category for policy makers named "Policy Institutional membership" is not approved; it will be reconsidered by the Council and in case represented at a future Assembly.
- ✓ From year 2018 honorarium for Summer School Faculty Members will be stopped.

The approved preliminary budgets for 2016 and 2017 are available at the end of this document.

The approved membership fees are:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP	
Full membership	€ 50,00
Reduced membership	€ 14,00
Triennial full membership	€ 135,00
Triennial reduced membership	€ 37,80

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP	
Full membership	€ 1.200
Triennial full membership	€ 3.600
University membership	€ 300
Triennial university membership	€ 900

4. Report on the Country Representatives Meeting held on June 22nd, 2016**5. Country representatives' speeches**



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The President reported that 13/31 Country Representatives attended the Country Representatives Meeting held on June 22nd, 2016. Some could not attend but sent a contribution by email. The President, Council Members and Country Representatives judged this meeting as a successful experience and would like to repeat it next year.

Many interesting issues were discussed at the meeting, including:

- ✓ EAERE's role in the policy arena
- ✓ EAERE's outreach efforts in developing countries
- ✓ EAERE's working paper series

It was agreed that the Council will discuss about these issues and present recommendation in the next Assembly.

Country Representatives reported on the Regional Meetings organized on June 22nd, 2016.

Given this year's experience with the Country Representatives Meeting, the Regional Meetings and the General Assembly of Members, the Assembly gives the following advice for the organization of the next year's Annual Conference schedule:

- ✓ call for a Joint Meeting of all Country Representatives, giving them the option to split into Regional Meetings if they wish;
- ✓ preferably pick a time slot for the Joint Meeting of all Country Representatives at a full conference day, for example the first lunch;
- ✓ keep general assembly duration 120 minutes;
- ✓ distribute the Assembly background material more in advance.

6. Individual and institutional membership profiles, ratification of members' lists and loss of the status of members

The President presented the EAERE Individual and Institutional Membership profile.

The President extended the Association's gratitude for the support of all members, and in particular for the financial support received from institutional members, and encouraged members to attract new institutional members to join the Association.

Full Institutional members 2016

- Basque Centre for Climate Change - BC3, Spain
- Center of Economics Research at ETH Zurich - CER-ETH, Switzerland
- Cyprus University of Technology - CUT, Cyprus
- Environmental Defense Fund - EDF, USA
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei - FEEM, Italy
- Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research - CREE, Norway
- Research Institute of Capital Formation, Development Bank of Japan Inc. - RICF DBJ, Japan
- Statistics Norway, Research Department, Norway
- The Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics, Sweden
- TEN Center - Thematic Environmental Networks, Venice International University, Italy
- TSE-R - Toulouse School of Economics, France

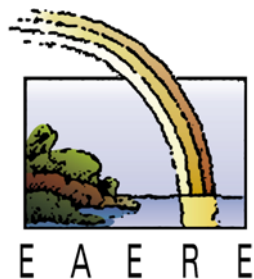
University Institutional members 2016

- Center for Economics and Corporate Sustainability - CEDON, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne - CES, France
- Centre for Research on Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy - IEFE, University Bocconi, Italy
- Centre for Social and Economic Research on the Global Environment - CSERGE, University of East Anglia, UK
- Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Economie Quantitative - CIREQ, Canada
- Department of Environmental and Business Economics, University of Southern Denmark - SDU, Denmark
- Efd Environment for Development Initiative , Environmental Economics Unit, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change – MCC, Germany
- School of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Western Australia, Australia
- The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment - GRI, UK
- Tilburg Sustainability Center, Tilburg University - TSC, The Netherlands

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The Assembly ratified the Council's acceptance of applications for individual and institutional memberships received for calendar year 2016 and calendar years 2016-2017-2018, with no exceptions, in accordance to article 3 of the Association's Statutes.

In accordance to article 4 of the Association's Statutes, the Assembly deliberated on the loss of the status of members for those individual members whose membership dues were in arrears for one year; and for those institutional members whose material support was not given to the Association for one year.

7. Report on ERE, by Ian Bateman

Ian Bateman, ERE Editor in Chief, presented to the Assembly information on the state of the Journal.

8. Report on REEP, by Carlo Carraro

The President presented the report prepared by Carlo Carraro, REEP Editor, on the state of the Journal.

9. Calendar of future EAERE events

The calendar of future events was presented:

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

28 June - 1 July 2017, Athens, Greece

EAERE 23rd Annual Conference

Programme Committee Co-Chairs :

Partha Dasgupta, Phoebe Koundouri

25-29 June 2018, Gothenburg, Sweden

6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists

Programme Committee Co-Chairs: tba

26-29 June 2019 Manchester, UK

EAERE 24th Annual Conference

Programme Committee Co-Chairs:

Michael Finus, Ada Wossink

SUMMER SCHOOLS

26 June - 2 July 2016, Venice, Italy

EAEREFEEEMVIU European Summer School: "Field Experiments in Environmental and Resource Economics"

Co-Coordinators: J. List, M. Tavoni

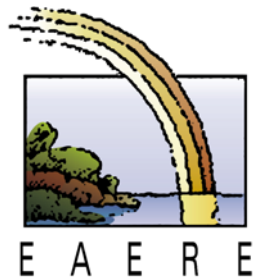
2-8 July 2017, Venice, Italy

EAERE-FEEM-VIU European Summer School: "Macroeconomics of Climate Change"

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Coordinator: S. Smulders

2018, Venice, Italy

EAERE-FEEM-VIU European Summer School, Risk and population ethics: from welfare to climate policy assessment

Co-Coordinators: G. Asheim, P. G Piacquadio

OTHER EVENTS

29 June 2016 , Venice, Italy

Workshop on “Field Experiments: Research Advancement and Policy Applications”

10. Any other business

The Assembly expressed its gratitude to ETH, to the EAERE/2016 LOC and in particular to Lucas Bretschger and Nadine Baumberger, to the EAERE/2016 Programme Committee Co- Chairs Lucas Bretschger and Karen Pittel, to all the EAERE/2016 referees, and to FEEM for its work for the Permanent Secretariat.

There were no other issues to be discussed.

The President adjourned the meeting and encouraged members to participate to the next year’s EAERE conference, to be held in Athens on 28 June – 1 July 2017.

Enclosures:

- slides presented at the Assembly.

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Monica Eberle, Secretary

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APPROVED 2016-2017 budget projections	2016 Projections AGM 2016	2017 Projections AGM 2016	2018 (WCERE) Projections
INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES			
Incomes - Institutional Activities			
Institutional memberships	€ 17.400,00	€ 17.400,00	€ 17.400,00
Individual memberships	€ 31.429,17	€ 31.429,17	€ 31.429,17
Individual memberships - extra income from increase of fees		€ 3.015,00	€ 3.015,00
Annual Conference - registration fees	€ 227.796,70	€ 227.796,70	€ 0,00
Annual Conference - levy	€ 20.540,00	€ 48.230,00	€ 45.500,00
Summer School - participation fee (€ 300 * 20)		€ 6.000,00	€ 6.000,00
Donations - CO2 compensation	€ 990,00	€ 990,00	€ 0,00
Donations - Springer travel grants and awards	€ 3.750,00	€ 3.750,00	€ 3.750,00
Donations - free donations, Italian tax revenues, other	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
TOTAL Incomes - Institutional Activities	€ 302.405,87	€ 339.110,87	€ 111.594,17
Expenses - Institutional Activities			
Permanent Secretariat: MoU EAERE-FEEM	€ 49.500,00	€ 49.500,00	€ 49.500,00
Permanent Secretariat	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Software depreciation - cashing system	€ 2.074,00	€ 2.074,00	€ 2.074,00
Software depreciation - conference website	€ 244,00	€ 488,00	€ 488,00
Professional consultants - auditors	€ 2.030,08	€ 2.030,08	€ 2.030,08
Professional consultants - accounting service	€ 2.440,00	€ 2.440,00	€ 2.440,00
Professional consultants - public notary for Elections run by FEEM	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Professional consultants - others			
Bank Services (BAU and conference)	€ 3.354,90	€ 3.354,90	€ 2.418,01
Other operating expenses (BAU and conference)	€ 1.331,10	€ 1.331,10	€ 137,10
Institutional meetings	€ 4.000,00	€ 4.000,00	€ 4.000,00
Journal subscription: ERE	€ 2.148,89	€ 2.148,89	€ 2.148,89
Journal Subscription: REEP	€ 6.000,00	€ 6.000,00	€ 6.000,00
Awards: cash prizes	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Awards: board and lodging at annual conference	€ 3.500,00	€ 0,00	€ 2.500,00
Institutional members: annual conferences registration fees	€ 3.512,00	€ 3.500,00	€ 5.800,00
Annual conference: LOC expenses	€ 222.795,18	€ 222.795,18	€ 0,00
Annual conference: CO2 compensation	€ 990,00	€ 990,00	€ 0,00
Annual conference: grants	€ 6.000,00	€ 3.000,00	€ 3.000,00
Annual conference: grants (extra income from increase of fees)		€ 3.015,00	€ 3.015,00
Summer school: grants	€ 3.000,00	€ 4.500,00	€ 4.500,00
Summer school: honorarium	€ 3.000,00	€ 3.750,00	€ 3.750,00
Summer school: board and lodging	€ 12.472,35	€ 20.000,00	€ 20.000,00
Winter School - board and lodging			€ 8.000,00
Supported events	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
TOTAL Expenses - Institutional Activities	€ 329.142,50	€ 335.667,15	€ 122.551,08
TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	-€ 26.736,63	€ 3.443,72	-€ 10.956,91
FINANCIAL INCOME			
Interest	€ 319,00	€ 319,00	€ 319,00
TOTAL FINANCIAL INCOME	€ 319,00	€ 319,00	€ 319,00
EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Extraordinary gains			
Casual profits	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Extraordinary losses			
Casual losses	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITIES	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
TAXES			
	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 100,00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-€ 26.417,63	€ 3.762,72	-€ 10.737,91
NET EQUITY	€ 109.351,44	€ 113.114,16	€ 102.376,25