

Minutes of a Meeting of the EAIR Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 13 November 2020 by Zoom

NOTE. The AGM was non-quorate at the intended online meeting of 13 November 2020. A second meeting was convened on 24 February 2021 on a day when the Executive was also meeting online; EC members were able to mount and attend the AGM. According to the Constitution, such reconvened meetings no longer require a quorum.

Present: Christine Musselin, Attila Pausits, Nicoline Frølich, Rosalind Pritchard, Ton Kallenberg, Mark O'Hara, Bruno Broucker, Göran Melin, Isabel Roessler, Laura Lüchtfeld, Panourgias Papaioannou. Kurt de Wit & Kari Hyppönen attended from Finland.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 August 2019 in Leiden, The Netherlands, were approved.
2. There were no announcements.
3. Göran Melin was welcomed as a new member of the Executive Committee from 2020-2023.
4. The revised Constitution and Bylaws were approved.
5. The Chair, Attila Pausits presented the Annual Report 2019-2020 which was accepted.
6. Report on Finances. The Treasurer presented detailed tables which revealed a deficit of Euros 77,573 for 2019. There were various causes for this: many no shows and non-payments for the Forum. For 2020, the outturn figures were again negative due to no conference having taken place in Cork (COVID), hence no income. The Secretariat had been temporarily closed as a result, but Laura Lüchtfeld had done Newsletters, social media work and Online Summits which were much appreciated and helped provide a foundation for the future. She was thanked for her trouble. The budget for 2021 has been established on a very conservative basis with no over-estimates; it offers brighter prospects for the coming year. Audit Committee members Nynke Jo Smit and Joke Hageman are leaving their positions as Auditors, and Dr Auke Ruhe has been appointed as a replacement. Another Auditor has to be found, with preference for a Dutch national.
7. Publications.
 - a. Nicoline Frølich and Kurt De Wit reported on TEAM. Submissions have greatly increased and have reached N=280 from 65 countries, many of which are outside Europe. The rejection rate is 80%, and the turnaround to First Decision is about 80 days. Malcolm Tight had commissioned two special issues, and one more is planned for Berlin; however, it is not intended to let TEAM become a special-issue ONLY journal. The aspiration is to increase quality. An extension of the Editorial Board is required, and EC members were invited to submit papers themselves. Support from Springer, the

publisher, is unchanged from the previous report, and remains mediocre. The Association pays them Euros 3,100. The Chair suggested that an editorial assistant could possibly be found to help carry the load: 280 papers are time-consuming to screen. He also emphasised the need to assure proper representation of women.

- b. Bruno Broucker and Rosalind Pritchard reported on the preparation of the latest book in the Brill/ EAIR Book Series. It is on target for publication by the time of the Berlin Forum. Here again, quality is an issue and is not always easy to achieve. The Treasurer has allowed in the budget for copies of it to be purchased for distribution to delegates at the Berlin conference.
8. The Forum 2021 will be held in Humboldt University Berlin (9-11 September) with Sandra von Sydow and René Krempkow as Forum Co-Chairs and hosts.
9. Thanks were expressed to the Co-opted EC Member Jennifer Murphy (Forum Co-Chair University College Cork) who was standing down from the EC. Thanks were also due to the departing Audit Committee members Nynke Jo Smit and Joke Hageman and to the departing EAIR Secretariat staff members, Isabel Roessler and Daniella Michiels van Kessenich.

MINUTES PREPARED BY ROSALIND PRITCHARD, EAIR SECRETARY, ON 24.2.2021.