

AEA-Europe General Assembly

Friday 9th November 2018

Van der Valk Hotel, Nijmegen-Lent

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Minutes

Thierry Rocher opened the meeting and welcomed members. No resolutions or issues had been raised by members in advance of the meeting. The minutes of the 2017 General Assembly in Limassol, Cyprus were approved with no changes.

Council Inaugurations

It was announced that after a 4 year term, Iasonas Lamprianou, is stepping down as a Council member. He was thanked for his great contribution to the Association.

Also, after serving 2 years as Vice President and 2 years as President, Thierry Rocher has handed over President responsibilities to Jannette Elwood.

We welcome two new Council members; Christina Wikström from Umeå University, Sweden as Vice President and Andrej Novik from SCIO, Czech Republic as a council member.

Thierry thanked everyone for their support and explained that it had been a great privilege to be AEA-Europe's President.

Annual Report

The Annual Report 2018 was circulated to all Members.

Forthcoming Council vacancies and elections

The Secretariat's first 4 year term has come to an end but AQA have agreed to continue for a 2nd term. Council member Gill Stewart's term ends in 2019 as does CITO's Treasury post.

Secretariat activities

Alex Scharaschkin informed all members that numbers for membership are noted in the Annual Report and are very similar to last year. The Council is trying to increase membership and raise awareness in various ways, eg, ResearchGate.

Alex also reported that the Council have worked hard this year on governance and organisation and have produced two documents; the AEA-Europe Handbook and the AEA-Europe Policy and Procedure document which can be found on the AEA-Europe website.

Publication committee activities

Lesley Wiseman reported on behalf of Gill Stewart that the Publications Committee has been very busy and effective over the last year.

Debbie Chetcuti has been working on encouraging membership of the association and has used some targeted promotion on ResearchGate which we await the results of. The PC also wrote to active assessment researchers to invite them to join the Association. Debbie has been working with Cor Sluijter on membership packages, and that work is ongoing.

Mary Richardson has led on improving communications between members and with the wider community through social media channels such as Facebook and Twitter, including setting up a facebook group for new researchers and doctoral students.

Amina Afif has improved the format and frequency of our newsletter.

Lesley Wiseman has facilitated setting up the Special Interest Groups. An eAssessment SIG was set up last year which meets regularly by Skype. The SIG now has more than 120 members. It has provided for AEA-E members three excellent webinars by guest presenters. A very successful Pre-conference Workshop was organized on an eAssessment theme and the eAssessment SIG Discussion Group which focused on future activities informed by a survey of members.

Professional development activities

Rolf Olsen reported that one of the roles of the PDC is to invite applications for the Kathleen Tattersall New Researcher Award and that we would encourage members to be proactive in finding suitable applicants for this award.

Since the last annual meeting we have had twelve successful applicants for accreditation: Two Associates, eight Practitioners and two Fellows. Rolf thanked the Fellows who reviewed applications and gave prompt responses giving careful and thoughtful evaluative comments in their reports. However, we would welcome more applications for more of our members to become accredited Fellows.

Standards

This is work in process and progress will be reported at the next General Assembly.

Report on Accounts

Cor Sluijter informed the General Assembly that the Audit Committee has reported full and true representation of the accounts for AEA-Europe. He thanked the team of Graham Hudson, Sebastiaan de Klerk and Fazilat Saddiq.

Cor presented the [attached slides](#) to the GA including a report on 2017 financial matters and a Business Plan for 2018-2020.

The General Assembly approved the Accounts.

Future conferences

Helder Sousa from IAVE reported that the hotel venue, gala dinner and events were secured for the next conference in Lisbon next November. He explained that there is a clash with a large Web Event in Lisbon at the same time and it is important to book flights and accommodation well in advance. The council will need to look at timelines for submissions and registrations and possibly bring forward due to this clash.

Damian Merchant from Dublin also informed the GA that plans are in place for the 2020 conference and that due to high costs in Dublin itself the conference hotel will be in Dún Laoghaire which is a superb location with sea views.

Resolutions from Members

None

Any Other Business

None