



General Assembly

Tallinn - Friday, 23rd May 2014
16.15-17.30hrs

MINUTES

The President, Ann Jorissen, welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly meetings 2013 – Paris
2. Report from the President
 - 2.1. Corporate Governance issues:
 - Approval of President-elect
 - Approval of new MC members
 - Results of elections of new Board members 2014-2017
 - Results of elections of other EAA Officers
 - 2.2. Development initiatives
 - 2.3. Membership situation 2014
3. Report on EAA Accounts 2013
4. Report on the EAR and AinE
5. Report on the Review Process for the EAA Congress 2014
6. Report on the EAA Congress 2014 – Tallinn
7. Report on the EAA Doctoral Colloquium 2014 – Tartu
8. Report on the EAA Congress 2015 – Glasgow
9. Future Congresses
10. Any Other Business

The agenda was approved.

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly meetings 2013 - Paris

Neither questions nor comments were made. The minutes of the General Assembly meetings 2013 in Paris were unanimously approved.

2. Report from the President

2.1. Corporate Governance issues

The President reported the following on the outcome of the past elections.

Approval of President-elect

The President recognised and thanked the Past President, Begoña Giner, for her contribution and commitment to the development of the EAA over the past 4 years as President Elect (1), President (2) and Past President (1).

Next she explained that further to a call for nominees for the position of President-elect, a long list of nominees had been received. After consultation with the MC, Salvador Carmona had been retained as the most suitable candidate. His name was put forward to the Board who had approved his nomination via email in March 2014.

The President asked the General Assembly Members present to approve the election of Salvador Carmona as the EAA President-elect 2014-2015, which they did unanimously.

Approval of new MC members

The President thanked the outgoing Members, Araceli Mora and Hervé Stolowy, and welcomed the new Members, Beatriz Garcia Osma and Hanna Silvola

She briefly recalled the procedure to elect MC Members. A call for nominations was sent out to the entire EAA membership further to which a shortlist of potential candidates based on a number of criteria was made by the President and discussed with the MC. The criteria looked at were diversity of the domains represented in the MC, experience, EAA good citizenship, support of EAA members and MC gender diversity. Four candidates are proposed of which the Board is asked to elect two of them. Given the corporate governance guidelines constraints that at least 3 and no more than 4 (of the 6 non Officer Members of the Management Committee) should be Board Members, this year at least one of the two new MC Members had to be a Board Member.

The President asked the General Assembly Members present to approve the election by the Board Members in March 2014 of Beatriz Garcia Osma and Hanna Silvola as the two new MC Members, which they did unanimously.

Results of elections of new Board Members 2014-2017

The President thanked the outgoing Board Members, i.e. Markus Granlund (Finland), Nicolas Berland (France) and Araceli Mora (Spain). She then welcomed the new and the re-elected Board Members:

Czech Republic	: Marcela Zarova , Prague University of Economics
Finland	: Marko Jarvenpää , University of Jyväskylä
France	: Chrystelle Richard , ESSEC Business School
Germany	: Thorsten Sellhorn , WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management
Slovenia	: Aljosa Valentincic , University of Ljubljana
Spain	: Beatriz Garcia Osma , Autonomous University of Madrid
U.K.	: Martin Walker , University of Manchester

Results of elections of other EAA Officers

Regarding the PC, the President

- thanked Wim Van Der Stede, who resigned from this position having accepted a new challenge, and welcomed Salvador Carmona as a replacement announcing anticipately that he would have to leave at the end of the first year of his term (2014) as PC Chair given his election as President-elect 2014-2015 in view of becoming the next President; The President explained that Salvador would remain PC Chair until the end of the year despite his election as President-elect starting immediately after the Tallinn congress given the two important matters he was involved, i.e. the search for the new EAR Editor and the renegotiation of the T&F contracts.
- welcomed Peter Ove Christensen as new member of the PC;
- congratulated Ariela Caglio for having been elected EAA Newsletter Editor-elect as of 1st January 2014 with the objective of taking over one year later (1st January 2015) including the development of social media together with the MC.

2.2. Development initiatives

The President reported that EAA wanted to help young academics and invited Thorsten Sellhorn and Philip Joos to present the idea of the database and information platform currently being developed in this respect.

In addition to the traditional Doctoral Colloquium and the other already existing initiatives, i.e. the job market and the PhD Forum, the MC is interested in continuing to develop initiatives to help all PhD students in accounting. To pursue this aim, the MC has thought of adding a webbased site containing research resources. Thorsten Sellhorn and Philip Joos took the responsibility to develop this idea further. The objective is to set up an “EAA Emerging Scholar Centre” with the goal to provide a platform to stimulate research quality of emerging accounting scholars (PhDs and junior faculty).

The motivation to launch this new activity is three-fold:

- Enhance quality/quantity of research output in Europe
- Impact the accounting profession/policy making by research-trained faculty
- Help PhD students (emerging scholars) to improve their research abilities and skills

The platform, which will be a password-protected platform on the EAA website, would consist of two components:

- Resources for Academic Citizenship (**RAC**)
Containing potentially interesting material for the emerging scholars, e.g. short videos, relevant state-of-the-art articles, powerpoint presentations from congresses and seminars

- Emerging Scholar Database (**ESD**)
Containing information with respect to the emerging scholars. This information will help the EAA to:
 - better target doctoral/junior faculty for the communication of events
 - organise the job market more efficiently
 - conduct surveys to know the needs of the emerging scholars

Only students registered in ESD would have access to the RAC.
Another advantage of the platform could be offered for those looking for a job, as possibilities to flag themselves would be foreseen. They would not have to be EAA members.

A series of decisions still needed to be taken, such as:

- What would be the relation with other resources?
 - AAA Commons + Pathway commission
 - Accounting profession + policy makers, funding organizations, accreditation bodies
- What should be the features and which ones would have priority?
- How would the development team and time line look like?

Thorsten Sellhorn and Philip Joos explained that the plan was to solicit feedback of members and to continue the development over the summer. Hence any thoughts or suggestions would be welcome.

EAA Members thanked Thorsten and Philip, and the MC, for having thought about this and encouraged them to develop it further and launch it soon. It was suggested to offer free EAA membership to the students registered in ESD for a certain number of years.

Points raised by EAA Members

EAA Member Lino Cinquini raised the issue of the geographical representation on the Management Committee (MC) in the past years.

According to him, a country with a large group of members - as it is the case of Italy - should be represented on the MC. The fact that this is not the case is not logic for him. He therefore invited the President to review the election procedure of MC representatives.

The President explained once more the election procedure, i.e. call for nominations to the EAA Members, followed by a shortlist made by the President and discussed with the MC, and next presentation of 4 candidates to the Board for election of 2 candidates.

This year in accordance with the EAA governance, the names of 4 candidates, of which one was an Italian, had been put forward to the Board's approval. And equally in accordance with the EAA governance, the Board had voted for 2 candidates, not retaining the Italian candidate. It is the Board, within the EAA governance, who decides which of the four candidates will join the MC.

The President added that, contrarily to the Board, the composition of the MC is not related to national representation. The MC composition needs to ensure an appropriate mix of experience and expertise in the areas for which the MC has responsibility.

Pointing to the over representation by some countries and under representation by others at the MC on the one hand and to the lack of transparency on the other hand, EAA Member Stefano Zambon, in support of his colleague, invited the President and the appropriate committee to reconsider certain aspects of the governance.

A number of other Members present in the GA meeting supported the current criteria for MC membership instead of the national representation.

While one EAA Member suggested that some rules could be set regarding the maximum number of representatives from one country on the MC, another EAA Member was of the opinion that this was not a topic to be discussed at the General Assembly meeting and suggested for a work group to be set up and discuss it. The MC should in any case remain a small group in order to work properly.

The President took the points and committed to discuss them with the MC during their next meeting.

2.3. Administrative issues

Membership situation 2014

The President presented a subset of the detailed membership situation, which had been circulated beforehand:

Total number of members	Top 10 countries in 2014
2014 → 2.440 (<i>as at May 2014</i>)	1. Germany (299)
2013 → 2.497	2. U.K. (241)
2012 → 2.321	3. U.S.A. (206)
2011 → 2.491	4. Italy (156)
2010 → 2.230	5. Australia (131)
2009 → 1.807	6. France (125)
2008 → 1.694	7. Spain (117)
2007 → 1.419	8. Canada (104)
2006 → 1.332	9. Japan (87)
2005 → 1.565	10. Finland (85)
2004 → 1.474	

The President pointed out to the global membership, welcoming scholars from any part of the world interested in joining.

3. Report on EAA Accounts 2013

Before giving the floor to the Treasurer, Martin Messner, the President thanked Martin for his time and dedication on the financial matters of the Association. The Treasurer presented a subset of the full Statement of Income & Expenditure to the meeting as well as a subset of the Balance Sheet. Both the accounts 2013 and the Auditor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

INCOME	2013 €	2012 €
Membership fees	101.149	93.250
Journals (royalties)	96.394	97.836
Congress surplus	86.246	2.061
Other revenues	20.922	15.551
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TOTAL INCOME	304.710	208.698

In relation to the Income, Martin Messner pointed out that the increase in revenues was due to the increased membership fee and above all to the surplus of the Paris congress. This surplus had been generated thanks to the ability of the Paris congress chair, Nicolas Berland, to carefully manage the catering contract, to attract good sponsors, and for not having called upon a PCO (Professional Conference Organiser).

EXPENDITURES	2013 €	2012 €
Journals	97.549	88.188
Academic development	115.331	74.599
Management and representation	13.996	13.976
Other expenses	77.444	85.035
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	304.320	261.798
Surplus or Deficit	390	-53.100

In relation to the Expenditures, Martin Messner pointed out that the increase was due to the expenditure for doctoral activities, which are represented under academic development.

The Treasurer mentioned that the Auditor's report was showing a surplus of 2.451€ for 2013. This resulted from having credited a small amount both in 2012 and 2013. The Auditor will be asked to revise his report.

BALANCE SHEET	2013 €	2012 €
Bank accounts	727.038	646.075
Government bonds	200.000	200.000
Receivables	17.722	37.019
Deferred charges and accrued revenues	99.769	244.278
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TOTAL ASSETS	1.044.529	1.127.372
Reserves as of 1/1 (incl. self-insurance)	854.033	907.133
Surplus current year	390	-53.100
Prepaid membership fees	107.045	98.952
Payables and accrued expenses	83.062	174.387
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TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	1.044.529	1.127.372

The Treasurer highlighted the small increase in the bank accounts and mentioned that currently EAA had only government bond.

No further questions or comments were made. The EAA accounts 2013 were approved.

Next the Treasurer presented the Budgets 2015:

BUDGET - INCOME	2015 €
Membership fees	110.000
Journals (royalties, T&F sponsorship)	100.000
Congress surplus	10;000
Other revenues (interest, website)	14.800

TOTAL INCOME	234.800

BUDGET - EXPENDITURES	2015 €
Journals	116.550
Academic development	72.650
Management and representation	13.800
Other expenses (admin)	80.700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	283.610
Budgeted Overspend	-48.810

In relation with the budgeted expenditures, the Treasurer mentioned that the expenses for academic development were still that high given the commitments already taken.

He referred to a first graphic showing the surplus/deficit of the EAA over the past years. It showed that the years with no congress surplus led to a deficit the year after, being an unsustainable situation in the long run.

This led the MC to consider the following measures to ensure financial sustainability:

- organise the conference in a large city every 3 to 4 years;
- increase the membership by 10€ as of 2014;
- reduce the EAR/AinE production and distribution costs by offering the electronic version as the "default option" and charge an extra cost for a printed copy as of 2016;
- reconsider some academic development activities as of 2015/2016.

The presentation of the Budgets 2015 triggered a few suggestions:

EAA Member, Peter Pope, mentioned that the high conference fee was an obstacle for some scholars to attend the EAA conference. He suggested that some of the reserves could be used to lower the fee.

Martin Messner replied that if the fee had to be reduced, some conference activities would have to be cut, such as e.g. the gala reception.

EAA Member, Robert Goex, was of the opinion that the Local Organiser should look for sponsors of the catering and so should the Association do.

The President reminded that the conference fee had been frozen for several years already and that 100 PhD students were granted a nice fee reduction. She also recalled that it had been decided to keep a reserve of 600.000€ for self-insurance (worst case scenario) to cover the costs in case of a major problem with the congress. Hence the reserve buffer was amounting only to 200.000€.

EAA Member, Giuseppe Galassi, suggested EAA to help students from less developed countries, mainly from the African continent, as IAAER did.

No further questions or comments were made. The EAA budgets 2015 were approved.

4. Report on the EAR and AinE

Laurence van Lent, the EAR Editor, was pleased to report that the *European Accounting Review* had been doing well in 2013. He received 265 new submissions (2012: 279):

- 25 manuscripts for the special issue on "Executive compensation and disclosure"
- 53 submissions in Young Scholar Track (2012: 75)

The journal published 24 articles (2012: 26), but no book reviews anymore since these had been moved to the EAA Newsletter.

On the visibility and impact of the journal, he shared the following information:

- 1-year impact score = 0.654 (2012 = 1.154)
 - Measured over 2012 (most recent)
 - Cites during 2012 to papers published in 2011 and 2010, divided by total number of papers published in 2011 and 2010
- 5-year impact score = 1.465 (2012 = 1.349)
- Impact factors can be volatile (esp. for new rankings such as EAR)
- Impact factors have limited influence over EAR's editorial policy

Laurence van Lent mentioned that the average turnaround (submission to first decision) was 47 days (since start of his tenure):

- 6% of the submissions (=40) took longer than the informal 100 day target
- Only 2% of decisions took more than 125 days
- All manuscripts decided within 180 days

Next he reported on the 2013 distribution of the submissions:

By subject area		By method	
Financial Accounting	47%	Empirical/Archival	60%
Managerial Accounting	14%	Field work (incl case studies/surveys)	11%
Auditing	16%	Analytical	14%
Accounting Information Systems	2%	Experimental	7%
Taxation	18%	Interpretive, narrative, historical	5%
Other	3%	Other	3%

The countries of origin of the corresponding authors were: Germany (31), UK (28), US (22), Australia (21), Spain (16), Taiwan (16), Italy (15), France (11), Netherlands (11), Canada (8).

When referring to the decision statistics, Laurence pointed out that the first round rejection was quite high.

Editorial decisions	Number	Percentage
Rejected	208	59,94%
R&R	123	35,45%
Accepted	16	4.61%
Total	347	100%

Finally he announced the following editorial matters:

- Change in AE team:
 - Eddy Cardinaels stepped down per 1 June 2014 to become an Editor at The Accounting Review
 - New associate editor for experimental work has been nominated and is awaiting approval
- Ad hoc AE: Thorsten Sellhorn
- New Special Issues:
 - *Executive Compensation and Disclosure* by Robert Goex and Fabrizio Ferri
 - *Accounting Insights from the Healthcare Sector* by Eddy Cardinaels and Naomi Soderstrom
- Appeals procedure implemented – EAR first major accounting journal with formal appeals policy
 - 2 appeals thus far (unsuccessful)
- Methods workshop announced and papers invited

Laurence van Lent closed his presentation by announcing that so far in 2014 more submissions had been received compared to the same period in 2013.

Paul André, the AinE Editor, started by thanking Lisa Evans, the previous AinE Editor, and presented her report on 2013 activities, starting with the 2013 Volume consisting of two issues:

- Issue 1 contained two papers in the *Issues in European Accounting* section: a contribution by the EAA FRSC, based on its response to the EFRAG Discussion paper on a disclosure framework for the notes to financial statements, and a timely and topical literature review on mandatory audit firm rotation. Three research articles were also published, covering tax and financial reporting in Italy, the EU emissions trading system under IFRS, and an exploration of participation in the IASB's consultation process through comment letters.
- Issue 2 contained, in the *Issues in European Accounting* section a further literature review, this time on joint audit, and a discussion of IAS 32's classification of equity and liabilities. The two research articles published addressed accounting for carbon emission allowances, and international variations in tax disclosures.

Issue 2 also contained an extended joint editorial by Peter Walton and Lisa Evans, reflecting on the first ten years of *Accounting in Europe*.

In addition, both issues contained a selection of book reviews (managed by the book review editor, Saverio Bozzolan).

Paul André pointed out that the number of submissions had dropped in 2013. However, the quality of papers surviving the desk-review continued to increase. A drop in submission levels, also been experienced by other journals, had been attributed partly to the increasing effects and pressure of journal citation indices, and partly by authors managing workflows in accordance with deadlines for (national) research quality assessments.

In 2014, the submission level was rising again. It could be that authors were holding back submissions to avoid potential delays or complications caused by the transition between two editors.

Paul reported the news that the journal had been inserted in two Australian listings (ERA 2015 Journal and Conference Lists, ABDC list 2013) as well as in a French list (FNEGE). With respect to the inclusion in SSCI, Paul reported that AinE was now put on a waiting list for 3 years.

Since he took over early 2014, Paul André had undertaken a series of actions as part of his strategy to increase the visibility of the journal:

- Increase the size of the Editorial Board
- Reassert the Aim and Scope
- Move to electronic submission platform
- Reinforce the links with other organisations (IASB, EFRAG, ACCA, ICAS, ICAEW, IFAC...)
- Organise a roundtable in Tallinn including representatives from EAA-FRSC, EFRAG, IFAC and IASB
- Invite potential high visibility papers
- Continued use of special topic and EAA conference symposium
- Continued use of special topic and EUFIN conference

Paul André closed his presentation by inviting the EAA Members to send him any feedback they might have regarding his strategy.

5. Report on the Review Process of the EAA Annual Congress 2014

Aljosa Valentincic, the EAA Standing Scientific Committee Chair, reported the following on the review process:

- a) How do papers get accepted to EAA Annual Congresses?
 - Papers are submitted
 - Standing Scientific Committee (SSC): 6 people
 - Assign all papers (\approx 1,000) to Scientific Committee (SC): 127 people
 - By category (eg, FA, FR, MA,...) / by method (AM, HI, MB, ...)
 - Double-blind process, each paper reviewed by 2 SC members
 - All stages carefully monitored by SSC and SSC chair
 - Get average grade and decision reject/RF/PS+PSD

- b) Choice of SC members: Criteria
All reviewers need to have at least one international academic publication. Most reviewers have more than one academic publication in an international accounting journal.

- c) Process:
 - Each paper reviewed twice
 - Tallinn, 2014: 956 submissions = 1,912 reviews
 - How many? 15.1 papers/reviewer
 - Write comments, not full journal reviews!!!
 - Never meant to be full reviews
 - Just imagine doing 15.1 reviews in about 1 month's time...
 - Get scores + comments
 - Use „anchoring“ system: scale 1-6, critical point:
 - 4 → the paper could reasonably be submitted to a journal like EAR
 - 2.5 average for RF, 4 for PS+PSD

- d) Is the process consistent?
- By and large, yes: >75% difference in grade at most 1
 - What if my review is blank?
 - It does not mean that the reviewer did not read the paper. With the help of the explanation of the scores provided on the EAA website, I can figure out what they were thinking!
 - Example - if I get grade 2.5, then this could be due to:
 - Reviewer 1 gives score 3 - "Not yet ready for submission."
 - Reviewer 2 gives score 2 - "Represents initial work on a potentially viable project, but is not likely to be ready for submission for some time."
 - Outcome of the process: ≈85% accepted for presentation
- e) Doing the SC work is a must to maintain the quality of the EAA congress
- When asked to be a member of SC (=reviewer), please accept
 - If all of us stopped doing voluntary work, the process would fall apart
 - Please do not provide 'justifications' for saying no – all SC members have been there already...

No questions or comments were raised. The President thanked Aljosa for this comprehensive and clear presentation.

6. Report on the EAA Annual Congress 2014 - Tallinn

Toomas Haldma, the Chair of the Annual Congress 2014, thanked all members present for being in Tallinn to attend this conference and for having created a friendly atmosphere throughout the event.

He made a brief report on the status regarding:

- a) the number of delegates:
- Total number of delegates: 1.159
 - Early registrations (before February 28): 850
 - Regular registrations: 107
 - On-site registrations (expected): 5
 - Number of low fee doctoral students: 95
 - Number of non-paying delegates: 102
 - Number of accompanying persons: 39
 - Number of exhibitors/publishers: 13
- b) the number of presentations:

	Submissions accepted and presented			
	PSD	PS	RF	Total
Auditing	8	49	43	100
Accounting Education	0	6	13	19
Financial Analysis	4	42	39	85
Financial Reporting	12	85	79	176
Accounting and Governance	6	34	47	87
Accounting and Information Systems	0	3	7	10
Management Accounting	7	43	63	114
Public Sector Accounting	0	14	21	35
Social and Environmental Accounting	2	25	28	35
Taxation	2	24	18	44
TOTAL	42	325	358	725

- c) the number of sessions:
 - Parallel sessions with discussants: 21
 - Parallel sessions: 114
 - Research fora: 76

- d) the list of symposia:
 - Status Quo and Future Development of Sustainability Reporting in Central and Eastern European Countries
 - Accounting Ethics: Challenges and Issues
 - EAR Symposium: Accounting Insights from the Healthcare Sector
 - ICAEW Symposium: Reporting Financial Performance
 - Editors' Panel: Journal Issues the Accounting Community Cares About
 - IFRS for SMEs – Five Years Later
 - Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Management Accounting Research
 - Accounting in Europe and EAA FRSC Symposium:
 - Towards a New Conceptual Framework
 - Public Sector Budgeting and Accounting: New Trends for Research and Practice

- e) the novelties:
 - Improved program/presentations selection system (arranged by EAA) → Opportunities to search by authors and papers and to select own favorites
 - Offers from Estonian companies (e.g. coupons from local shops)

- f) the sponsors:
 - CIMA
 - European Regional Development Fund
 - Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia
 - Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Estonia
 - Estonian–Swiss Cooperation Programme
 - Akzo Nobel Baltics AS
 - City of Tallinn
 - City of Tartu

Toomas warmly thanked with a bouquet of flowers all persons who had contributed to the success of the conference.

The President congratulated Toomas and his team for a well organised conference in a lovely city.

7. Report on the EAA Doctoral Colloquium 2014 - Tartu

The President, on behalf of the DC Co-Chairs, reported briefly on the EAA doctoral colloquium, held in Tartu from 17-20 May.

Applications had been received from 106 PhD students, coming from across Europe with 23 from Germany, 18 from the UK, and the remainder spread across the European Union with a few Eastern European applicants and a few from beyond Europe.

The selected students, 22 female students and 14 male students, originated from the following countries: Germany 10, UK 4, Austria 3, Belgium 3, Spain 2, Switzerland 2 and one each from Australia, Cyprus, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States. The Australian and American delegates are appointees from their own accounting associations.

Two students were selected to go to the AFAANZ and AAA doctoral colloquia. These are Katharina Hombach (WHU-Otto Beisheim, Germany), who will go to Auckland, NZ, and Grete Oll (University of Southern Denmark) who will go to Westlake, USA.

This year's faculty consisted of:

Prof. William Rees (Co-Chair), University of Edinburgh, U.K.
Prof. Keith Robson, (Co-Chair), Cardiff Business School, U.K.
Prof. Beatriz Garcia Osma, Universidad Autonoma De Madrid, Spain
Prof. Joachim Gassen, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany
Prof. Andrea Mennicken, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
Prof. Martin Messner, University of Innsbruck, Austria
Prof. Frank Moers, Maastricht University, the Netherlands
Prof. Peter Pope, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
Prof. Ane Tamayo, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
Prof. Sally Widener, Clemson University, USA
Prof. Cathy Shakespeare from the University of Michigan had to withdraw a few days before the colloquium but Prof. Willem Buijink was attending to publicise the activities of the EIASM and was able to step in and cover for Cathy.

The President thanked both DC co-chairs, Bill Rees and Keith Robson, as well as the entire faculty for having organizing this important EAA annual event.

8. Report on the EAA Annual Congress 2015 - Glasgow

Christine Cooper, the Chair of the EAA Annual Congress 2015, started by explaining that she had taken over the organisation of the congress given that Ian Thomson had left Strathclyde University.

She reported that the congress, which would be held from 28 to 30 April 2015, would take place in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) which offered excellent facilities for large conferences. The Doctoral Colloquium would take place at the University of St Andrews.

Overall the preparations were on track: hotels and possible venues for social events had been looked at. She was hoping that the Lord Provost of Glasgow would accept her invitation.

The President thanked Christine for having accepted to take over from Ian at such short notice and wished her well with the preparations of the congress 2015.

9. Future Congresses

Gunnar Rimmel, the EAA Conference Committee Chair, reported that the EAA Annual Congress 2016 was scheduled to take place in Maastricht from 11 to 13 May 2016 and would be chaired by Ann Vanstraelen.

Although discussions were going on with candidates, there was no firm commitment yet for the EAA Annual Congress 2017.

In case of interest, Gunnar invited to consult the EAA Conference Guidelines posted on the EAA website and to contact him.

10. AOB

No further points or questions were raised. After thanking the Organisers of the Tallinn Congress as well as all the Chairs of the various EAA Committees, the President adjourned the EAA General Assembly 2014.
