



Management Committee Meeting

Glasgow – 27th April 2015

MINUTES

Attendees

Members present:

Salvador CARMONA (President-elect)
Christine COOPER
Beatriz GARCIA OSMA
Philip JOOS
Ann JORISSEN (President)
Martin MESSNER (Treasurer)
Thorsten SELHORN
Ann VANSTRAELEN
Martin WALKER
Nicole COOPMAN (Executive Secretary)

Apologies from Members:
Hanna SILVOLA

Invited Guests present:

Paul ANDRE
Begoña GINER
Gunnar RIMMEL
Keith ROBSON
Caren SCHELLEMAN
Aljoša VALENTINCIC
Laurence VAN LENT

Apologies from invited Guests:
Paul ANDRE
Annalisa PRENCIPE
Bill REES
Hervé STOLOWY
Peter WALTON

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Minutes

Note

All the reports, to which we refer as “Appendix” in these minutes, have been posted on Dropbox prior to the meeting and access was given to all current EAA MC Members. Copies of the reports can be obtained anytime at the EAA secretariat.

1. Welcome, apologies and adoption of the agenda

The President, Ann Jorissen (AJ), welcomed all members and guests present and conveyed the apologies of MC member, Hanna Silvola, as well as of the following invited guests, i.e. Paul André, Bill Rees, Annalisa Prencipe, Hervé Stolowy and Peter Walton. The meeting was split in two parts, a public part attended by both the MC members and the invited guests followed by a private part only to be attended by the MC members.

The President thanked the Glasgow Congress Chair, Christine Cooper, and her local organising team, for their hard work and dedication in the preparation and organisation of this year’s EAA congress.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING/NOTING

2. Congress updates

2.1 Report on the EAA Congress 2015

Christine Cooper (CC), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2015, welcomed the MC members in Glasgow and updated them on the different social events and venues.

CC reported that in her view the biggest challenge to be discussed in the future was the special scheduling requests. Her efforts to schedule according to topics had been for nothing. Close to 10% of the delegates, i.e. double as many as Tallinn and Paris, had made a request for presenting their paper on a very specific day and/or time slot. She had received such requests until one day before the conference.

She recommended the future hosts to think of some argumentation that would reduce the number of requests (e.g. pointing out that this was a 3 day conference) and to point this out to the potential delegates as early as possible, either via the website or via a specific message.

2.2 Update on preparations for the EAA Congress 2016

Ann Vanstraelen (AVS), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2016, reported on the ongoing preparations for the Congress 2016 in Maastricht with a Powerpoint presentation (see Appendix). She mentioned that:

- the dates were fixed;
- the congress centre was booked;
- the venue for the Doctoral Colloquium (castle outside Maastricht) was selected and the contract was signed;
- the venues for all social events, except for the welcome reception, were booked
- a large number of hotel rooms was blocked;
- a complimentary bus pass will be provided to all delegates.

AVS added that they were looking for sponsoring and for this purpose they had made a brochure similar to the Glasgow one.

The congress website and the VAT number still needed to be taken care of. A flyer had been produced and inserted in the Glasgow conference pack.

The President thanked AVS and her team for a timely preparation of the congress 2016.

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2.3 Report on preparations for the EAA Congress 2017

Begoña Giner (BG), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2017, reported on the progress of the preparations for the Congress 2017 in Valencia with a Powerpoint presentation (see Appendix), which can be summarised as follows:

- the dates are set: 10-12 May 2017;
- the conference venues are confirmed: Valencia Conference Centre (VCC), Hotel Sorolla Palace, Hotel Melia Palacio de Congressos;
- possible venues for the social events were identified and about to be confirmed;
- the approved budget remained unchanged;

Regarding the DC 2017, BG mentioned that two alternative venues, quite different from each other, had been found. The President suggested BG to contact the DC co-chairs and ask for their opinion, but not before having an idea of the costs involved with respect to both places.

BG pointed out that the EAA Annual Congress 2017 coincided with the 40th anniversary of the EAA congresses and the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Valencia. Both anniversaries will be commemorated.

The President thanked BG for having started the preparations of an EAA congress that promised to be exciting.

2.4 Future EAA conference venues

Gunnar Rimmel (GR), the EAA Conference Committee Chair, reported that with Valencia in 2017, Milan in 2018 (Host: Bocconi University) and possibly Cyprus in 2019 (Host: University of Cyprus) the locations for the upcoming conferences were looking very attractive. While the letter of interest from the University of Cyprus had been received, it was still expected to receive a preliminary budget.

AJ mentioned that as of immediately after the Glasgow conference, the Secretary General of EAA 2009 Tampere, Matias Laine, would become the Conference Committee Chair, and the Secretary General of EAA 2013 Paris, Bruno Oxibar, would join him as a member of this committee.

The President thanked outgoing CC Chair, Gunnar Rimmel, and CC member, Riccardo Tiscini, for their contribution during their term of office.

3. Scientific Committee update

3.1 Report of the EAA Standing Scientific Committee

Aljoša Valentinčič (AV), the EAA SSC Chair, presented his report (see Appendix) highlighting a series of numbers:

- Number of papers received: 1.035
- Number of papers accepted: 908 (87,8%)
- Number of papers presented: 777 (75%) of which 369 in PS, 48 in PSD and 360 in RF

118 reviewers had been involved in the double blind review process and reviewed an average of 17,5 papers each.

The rating system was the same as for the past three years, and so was the agreement between reviewers with 76,7%.

Last but not least, he anticipated some changes in the categories and research methods as some of them were becoming too large.

When asked why he had increase his budget by 5.000€, AV explained that last year he had detected an issue of self-plagiarism, whereby two authors had submitted a paper which apart from having a different title were substantially very similar, including the same dataset and some identical tables.

The President thanked AV and the entire SSC for their continuous commitment and contribution to the success of the EAA congress.

4. Doctoral Colloquium update

4.1 Report on the EAA Doctoral Colloquium 2015

Keith Robson (KR), one of the two co-chairs of the Doctoral Colloquium, reported that the EAA doctoral colloquium, held in St Andrews from 24-26 April 2015, was once more an unqualified success. St Andrews was a pleasant environment in which to host the conference and the facilities were perfectly adequate. The Fairmont Hotel was well above the norm.

KR reported briefly on the students and the faculty (*extracted from the report of the DC Co-Chairs*):

The Students

The students are selected on the twin criteria of those who will benefit most from the colloquium and who can also contribute significantly. The assumption is that their research program will lead to top-level academic publications.

To make these presentations as productive as possible we allocate 75 minutes to each paper. Generally, we expect students to present for about 30 minutes and debate/discussion for about 45 minutes - though streams have their own styles and some may allow you to present the whole paper and then discuss it, whereas others prefer to debate the issues as the presentation progresses. Each student is expected to read the other students' papers in their Track, and is encouraged to ask questions of the presenting student's work.

Typically the students will be final or pre-final year students and will be expected to have draft research papers/PhD overviews ready for the colloquium. This year we received 137 applications. The total number of applicant is appreciably higher than last year's tally for the Tallinn/Tartu EAA Congress and Doctoral Colloquium.

It is useful to note that there was general agreement amongst the Faculty that the standard of the PhD students' work given to the EAA DC is increasing year on year,

The final cohort represents 17 women and 19 men with the host universities of the candidates located in Germany 8, UK 9, Austria 3, Belgium 2, Netherlands 4, Sweden 3 and one each from Slovenia, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Finland, France and the United States. The American delegate is an appointee from the American Accounting Association. AFAANZ did not send a delegate to the EAA Doctoral Colloquium this year.

Two students have been selected to go to the AFAANZ and American Accounting Association doctoral colloquia. These are Marian Gatzweiler (University of Edinburgh), who will go to Hobart, Tasmania, 1st- 3rd July and Martin Bierley (ESCP Europe, Berlin) who will go to Deloitte University, Westlake, USA, 10th-14th June, 2015. Feedback from students selected in the past suggests that this has been very useful.

The Faculty

The co-chairs select the faculty. The over-riding consideration is to select academics who can help the students to develop top-level research from their doctoral studies. Thus we look for established professors, with a research record of an outstanding and international standard, editorial links, and who are reviewers for primary journals. The faculty needs to demonstrate the social skills to interact constructively with a range of students. We also prefer academics with an ongoing commitment to the EAA. Finally we seek a diverse group representing different genders, discipline areas and nationalities, and to balance the advantages of change against the need for a core of established academics who have demonstrated their proficiency at the colloquium.

Prof. William Rees (Co-Chair), University Of Edinburgh, U.K.
Prof. Keith Robson, (Co-Chair), HEC, France
Prof. David J. Cooper, University of Alberta, Canada
Prof. Joachim Gassen, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany
Prof. Christian Leuz, Chicago University, U.S.A.
Prof. Jan Mouritsen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Prof. Beatriz Garcia Osma, Universidad Autonoma De Madrid, Spain
Prof. Peter Pope, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K.
Prof. Cathy Shakespeare, University of Michigan, U.S.A.
Prof. Mike Shields, Michigan State University, U.S.A.
Prof. Wim Van der Stede, LSE, U.K.
Prof. Sally Widener, Clemson University, U.S.A.

Prof. Christian Leuz and Prof. Mike Shields offered plenary talks on management accounting and financial reporting issues respectively, and the third plenary was a Panel Q&A Session involving Editors from EAR (Garcia Osma), JAR (Leuz), AOS (Robson) and MAR (van der Stede) on the topic of "Publishing and career: moving on from the PhD", with supporting comments offered by other Faculty.

KR added that although they appreciated the value of having the EAA DC at a memorable location preferably outside of city centres, like it was the case again this year, they requested as agreed that the DC would take place in locations with decent accessibility to transport hubs and the site of the main conference.

KR was convinced that the current format of the EAA DC was the best. Some parts are now copied by the AAA Doctoral Consortium. Nevertheless they intended to look at the session format of next year's DC and were thinking of having some thematic plenaries with a panel of speakers from different tracks.

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

5. Publications Committee update

5.1 EAR Editor's report

Laurence van Lent (LvL), the EAR Editor, referred to his report circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix) and highlighted the following points:

- An increase in the number of submissions in 2014 (400) compared with 2013 and 2012;
- Two special issues: 1) Accounting Insights from the Healthcare Sector and 2) Tax Research;
- A stable number of submissions (41) for the Young Scholars Track;
- The journal's visibility and impact continue on a strong upward trajectory with:
 - the distinction as an "A" journal in the most current Australian Business Deans Council journal ranking;
 - the promotion to "A" status by the German Academic Association for Business Research (VHB)
- An increase in the one-year impact factor (0.942) as well as the more stable five-year impact factor (1.519);
- No appeals filed against editorial decisions.

When referring to the tables in his report, LvL pointed out that:

- there were no major shifts in the geography of submissions;
- the number of submissions by subject area was stable despite a surprising number of tax paper submissions;
- the number of submissions by method was in line with previous years;
- a good turnaround time for authors continued to be ensured by the editorial team;

Laurence reported about a case of self-plagiarism that brought about the publication of a Note of Concern on Issue 1, 2015.

The President thanked LvL for an excellent job performed over the years.

5.2 AinE Editor's report

In the absence of the AinE Editor Paul André (PA), the President referred to Paul's report circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix).

No questions were raised. The President thanked PA for his continuous efforts to develop the AinE journal.

6. EAA Financial Reporting Standards Committee report

In the absence of the FRSC Chair Peter Walton (PW), the President referred to Peter's report circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix) summarising what had been done in relation with the Conceptual Framework, the IFRS Advisory Council, the IASB Research Forum and the EU-Evaluation of the IAS regulation.

As no comments or questions were made by the MC Members, AJ thanked PW for his contribution to the Association.

7. Update from EAA representatives on External Committees

7.1 IFRS Advisory Council

The President referred to her report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix). She briefly listed the topics discussed at the February 2015 meeting, which was her first meeting as the EAA representative on this council following up on Begoña Giner. In cooperation with Peter Walton, it was decided to liaise more closely with the members of the EAA FRSC for the preparation of the IFRS Advisory Council.

7.2 Consultative Advisory Group (CAG) of the International Accounting Education Standards Board (IAESB) (report from M. Cameran)

The President recalled that Mara Cameran (MCA) had followed up on Aileen Pierce as representative of the EAA on the CAG IAESB. The President referred to MCA's report circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix), which reported the main topics on the agenda of the first 2015 meeting.

8. Administrative issues

8.1 Membership statistics

The President reported that the membership statistics, circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix), fluctuated as usual with the conference. While the membership 2014 reflects the high participation in Paris, the final membership 2015 reflecting the participation in Tallinn will be somewhat lower. A reminder to subscribe to EAA membership will be sent to all past EAA members who did not attend the Glasgow congress immediately after the congress.

The President thanked the Editors and the Chairs of future EAA congresses for their input and invited them to leave the meeting since the agenda items on the public part of the MC meeting had been discussed now.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

9. Matters arising

The President started by asking whether the MC members were approving the minutes of the February 2015 MC meeting. As they were unanimously approved, it was asked to post them on the website.

Next she reported on the following matters:

1) External Relations

1.a.) The President provided an update on the nominations of EAA Members to International Organizations. EAA Members had been nominated for positions in IFRIC (IFRS Interpretations Committee), IAASB (International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board) and IESBA (International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants). The outcome of these nomination processes are expected in June for IFRIC and in September for IAASB and IESBA.

1.b.) The President updated the MC on the contacts with IFAC. It was agreed to communicate the information on IFAC's global knowledge gateway, a digital platform through which academics can communicate research results and papers with relevant information and outcomes to professional accountants. Research in all domains is welcome (financial reporting, financial analysis, auditing, management accounting and control, public sector accounting...). AJ mentioned that she had agreed with Ariela to communicate via the newsletter the information on this Global Knowledge Gateway, also available on the EAA website.

AJ reported that the discussion to set up an advisory panel would continue during the EAA congress in Glasgow.

2) Internal Matters

2.a.) More explicit guidance on possible fee waivers for symposium participants

AJ mentioned that current EAA conference guidelines are very restrictive with the provision of fee waivers. The guidelines include a list of persons entitled to a fee waiver; other fee waivers are at the discretion of the local organizer. Practice so far is that academics invited for a symposium pay the congress registration. Practitioners that show up for a symposium and only stay at the symposium are granted a fee waiver. A suggestion was made to develop explicit guidance on symposia to be introduced in the EAA Conference Guidelines that would be discussed during the next MC meeting.

CC reported that one of the symposia speakers had to wait for the paper notification. If his paper was not accepted, his university was not funding his trip. She also pointed out that if a sponsor invites an academic, they expect their speaker to come for free. Having said this, she was of the opinion that everyone should pay something to cover the cost of the symposium as conference rooms are expensive.

SC proposed to draft a clear policy about symposia. Criteria should be established as to who should or should not pay anything.

2.b). Use of EAA logo on doctoral activities when the EAA is not involved in the organization

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the President can decide who can use the EAA logo without having to consult the MC, except in case of doubt.

It was agreed that:

- the University of Cluj-Napoca could put the EAA logo on their announcement; NC was asked to inform the organizer;
- all prior organisers who had received EAA sponsorship for doctoral activities back in 2013, were allowed to use the EAA logo. This would be confirmed to them via email by Nicole.

2.c) Apps

AJ reported that an offer had been received, which was on the high side.

It was decided to investigate the possibility to have an App application for the Maastricht congress.

10. Election/nomination processes and outcomes

On the basis of the document prepared (see full details set out in the Appendix), the President reported on the outcome of the past elections.

Regarding the MC, AJ

- acknowledged and thanked Martin Messner and Martin Walker for their valuable contribution to the MC during the past 3 years;
- congratulated Saverio Bozzolan and Aljosa Valentincic as the two new Members elected;
- thanked Martin Messner for his excellent job as Treasurer and welcomed Saverio Bozzolan who would replace Martin in this position.

Regarding the Board, AJ

- thanked the outgoing Members, i.e. Rainer Niemann, Apostolos Ballas, Lucia Lima Rodrigues, Ann Tarca and Ervin Black;
- congratulated the re-elected Members, i.e. Lehte Alver, Lino Cinquini, Anna Szychta, Recep Pekdemir and Yasuhiro Ohta;
- and welcomed the new Members, i.e. Ralf Ewert, Seraina Anagnostopoulou, João Pedro Oliveira, Sue Wright and A. Rashad Abdel-Khalik.

Regarding the PC, AJ

- thanked Salvador Carmona, who stepped down given that he was stepping in his position of EAA President;
- welcomed Annalisa Prencipe as the interim PC chair until end 2015 corresponding to the end of her second term of office as PC member;
- welcomed Hervé Stolowy as the EAR Editor-elect.

Regarding the CC, AJ

- thanked Gunnar Rimmel and Riccardo Tiscini for the work they had done over the past 3 years;
- congratulated Matias Laine and Bruno Oxibar for their election as respectively new chair and new member.

Regarding the SSC, AJ

- congratulated Ariela Caglio for her re-election as a SSC member for a second term of office.

Regarding the EAA DC, AJ

- congratulated Keith Robson for his re-election as one of the two co-chairs for a second term of office.

Regarding the FRSC, AJ

- acknowledged and thanked Peter Walton for his most valuable contribution to the FRSC;
- congratulated Niclas Hellman for his election as the new chair.

11. Publications Committee issues

In the absence of Annalisa Prencipe, the EAA Publications Committee Chair, Past PC Chair Salvador Carmona (SC) reported that the Publishing Agreement renegotiated with T&F had recently been submitted for revision to a lawyer. A meeting with T&F was scheduled for the day after to discuss the changes proposed by the lawyer.

SC also mentioned that the PC was up to renewal. The process of finding new persons to replace the 5 outgoing PC members would start at the PC meeting of the day after.

11.1 EAR Associate Editors

11.2 EAR Editorial Board

SC reported that Hervé Stolowy (HS), the EAR Editor-elect, had submitted a revised list of Associate Editors and a list of Editorial Board members.

Ideally the PC meeting should be held before the MC meeting in order to discuss the PC suggestions and approve them. Given that the meetings were held the other way round, the PC Chair proposed, after having consulted with HS, to bring the names to the MC first.

The MC supported the names of the 3 new members proposed by HS and empowered the PC to make the final decision regarding both lists.

12. PhD support and training

12.1 Report on EAA PhD Forum @ EAA 2015

Thorsten Sellhorn (TS), co-chair of the EAA PhD Forum 2015 together with Philip Joos (PJ), presented the programme that would take place the day after and was to be attended by close to 100 doctoral students.

He pointed out that as of this year, the job market session was a plenary session and no longer a breakout session.

He added that he was planning to interview students attending the PhD Forum to understand what they would expect from the EAA-ARC.

The President thanked the two co-chairs for having organised the Forum and turning it into a very interesting event for young scholars.

12.2 EAA Academic Resources Centre – EAA-ARC

Next steps and future support

AJ thanked upfront the team consisting of Thorsten Sellhorn (TS), Philip Joos (PJ), Beatriz Garcia Osma (BGO) and Hanna Silvola (HS) for all the work done so far.

TS presented the Powerpoint presentation they had prepared (see Appendix). After recalling the objectives and the timeline, he listed the actions already done (tasks 1 to 4) and those that still needed to be done (tasks 5 to 10):

1. Conduct survey of potential users
2. Develop personas (from survey and other information)
3. Prioritize personas
4. Describe user needs and tasks
5. (Write scenarios)
6. Derive concise concept of system requirements
7. Validate through interviews (at Glasgow and after)
Then: Revise personas – revise user needs/tasks – revise concept – repeat ...
8. Develop mock-up (prototype)
9. Implement
10. Set up maintenance and monitoring processes

After presenting the 3 personas, which were the outcome of lengthy discussions with numerous persons, he described the user needs and the possible features linked to these needs.

At the end of his presentation, TS was inviting the MC to make comments and suggestions on the process, the personas and their needs. He was aware that quite a few ideas still needed to be fleshed out and ran through filters, but at this stage he was mainly concerned to hear if anything essential was missing.

The following questions and suggestions were expressed:

- *Is it not foreseen to interview PhD supervisors?*
It was not considered to be the target. The objective was to reach those who needed help.
- *What about students from outside Europe (e.g. Asia) who have different and very specific requests compared to European students?*
Inevitably some people with specific needs may not find what they are looking for, but the needs of a great majority will be addressed.
- *What would the Young Scholar Day consist of?*
It still needed to be clarified. Basically it was a proposal made by Recep Pekdemir some time ago.
- It was suggested to add quality criteria for getting published and a description of problems that give rise to desk rejection.
- It was reminded that one of the major problems faced by students was the English language, a problem that could be addressed as well.

The MC recognised the need for a Steering Committee or Project Committee.

SC suggested to run the interviews, have a conference call in June 2015 and come up with a proposal for the Fall 2015 MC meeting.

The MC also recognised the need for professional help for the development of the mock up, and hence the need for a budget. It was suggested to ask quotations to several providers (consultants and IT universities).

To approach possible sponsors, it was necessary to have an idea of the cost. AJ committed to contact sponsors, for which purpose it would be good to identify some incentives.

In the meantime, the budget 2016 foreseen for the maintenance of the project was increased.

Proposal for a job market event

SC reported that he had contacted several universities in view of creating a group that would support the initiative. He was happy to report that the response had been very positive. Not a single school had declined his invitation.

The only concern expressed by some of them was the timing, i.e. September/October 2015.

SC asked the MC if they felt like going ahead or postponing it to 2016?

If we were going ahead, the venue needed to be agreed upon as well as the fee structure. The US model was asking the recruiters to pay, while the students could attend for free.

The MC approved SC's proposal to run the first job market event in the fall 2015 in Madrid and to adopt the US fee structure. SC committed to follow up on this event that would be hosted by his university.

Proposal for academic first paper consultancy service

The President congratulated Beatriz Garcia Osma (BGO) and Martin Walker (MW) for a very good and useful document (see Appendix). She asked why they proposed EAR to be the platform for the submissions and not the EAA-ARC. Their initial idea was to use an existing resource rather than creating a new system.

MW mentioned that there was a need to launch a survey among the EAA members in order to avoid threading on the toes of the supervisors.

The next step would be to find 1 or 2 reviewers among EAA scholars willing to participate in this initiative, of which one could be a PhD in his last year. Providing constructive feedback on time was considered to be key.

The MC approved the initiative and invited BGO and MW to proceed.

13. White Paper on Publications

The President reported that a summary of the points discussed during the last MC meeting had been transferred to Erv Black, Mary Barth and Leslie Stainbank. The comments reflected the suggestions and questions of the EAA MC with respect to the further development of the paper. It also included the MC's view on the use of journal rankings in an academic context.

They produced a new version of the paper (see Appendix) incorporating EAA's suggestions, sometimes in the form of comments that needed to be addressed.

The EAA MC commonly agreed that rankings could not be used for individuals. This should be communicated to Erv Black.

MM recommended that EAA should play a more active role in the drafting of this white paper. Given that he was leaving the MC, he suggested to be substituted. This was not considered necessary by the MC, who asked MM to stay involved.

14. Administrative and Financial issues

14.1 Approval of EAA accounts 2014 and Auditor's report

Martin Messner (MM), the Treasurer, reported on the results 2014, which had been posted on Dropbox prior to the meeting.

He pointed out to the nice surplus thanks to the Tallinn surplus on the one hand and to the cutting of some expenses on the other hand.

No questions or comments were made. The accounts 2014 and the Auditor's report were unanimously approved.

14.2 Approval of Committee Budgets 2016

Martin Messner (MM), the Treasurer, reported on the Committee Budgets 2016, also posted on Dropbox prior to the meeting. He pointed out that as discussed and agreed during the meeting, a total budget of 5.000€ would be allocated to the EAA-ARC project and another one of 5.000€ to the Scientific Committee for the anti-plagiarism software.

The MC approved these budgets, which could be submitted to the final approval of the Board.

14.3 Savings strategy

MM mentioned that there was not much to report on regarding the savings and reiterated that given the overall economic situation and the yields currently offered by the financial sector, the EAA savings were currently remaining on saving accounts.

16. Any Other Business

As the **next interim meeting** of the MC will take place in Brussels in the fall 2015, Nicole will contact the MC Members after the Glasgow congress to understand which date will suit them best.

No other question or remark was made. The President thanked all attendees and in particular the host Christine Cooper before closing the meeting.
