



Management Committee Meeting

Brussels – 23rd October 2013

MINUTES

Attendees

Members present:

Begona GINER (Past President)
Toomas HALDMA
Philip JOOS
Ann JORISSEN (President)
Araceli MORA
Gunnar RIMMEL (invited guest)
Thorsten SELLHORN
Hervé STOLWY
Nicole COOPMAN (Executive Secretary)

Attended partly via Skype:

Martin MESSNER (Treasurer)
Martin WALKER

Apologies from:

Wim VAN DER STEDE (invited guest)

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Minutes

1. Welcome, apologies and adoption of the agenda

The President, Ann Jorissen (AJ), welcomed all members and guests present and in particular the new members Philip Joos and Thorsten Sellhorn. She then conveyed the apologies of Guest Wim Van Der Stede, the PC Chair, who could not attend at all, as well as those of Martin Messner and Martin Walker, who could attend the meeting only partially via skype.

For this reason, the order of the agenda was not respected, but the minutes report on the discussions following the original agenda.

The proposed agenda was approved.

2. Matters arising

AJ reported that she had had a long conversation with Ann Vanstraelen and Roger Meeuwissen from Maastricht University only one day before this meeting. Hence the budget information with respect to the proposal of Maastricht University to host the EAA Annual Congress 2016 was only circulated this morning.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING/NOTING

3. President's update

The President reported on the following tasks dealt with and initiatives undertaken since the May 2013 MC meeting:

Follow up on May 2013 MC minutes

- These minutes had been approved via e-mail in July 2013.
- The replacement of SSC member Froystein Gjesdal by Ralf Ewert was settled.
- A consensus for organising the Doctoral Colloquium 2014 in Tartu had been reached.
- The information disclosure at the request of the PC and MC with respect to the changes in the review policy made by the Editor of the EAR were discussed.
- The FRSC will write an EAA response to the discussion paper issued by the IASB on the conceptual framework.

Attendance of the CAAA meeting, AAA meeting and Global Gathering

While attending these events, AJ had inquired about

- their position towards **open access**:
The journals of the AAA already include a number of articles published under 'open access', for which the AAA collected fees from the authors or their universities. The AAA also reached a financial agreement with EBSCO for the distribution of the articles published in the past volumes of their journals.

The CAAA has taken the same decision as the EAA, namely to leave the issue for now in the hands of the publisher. No major changes are expected within the next 2 to 3 years.

- the activities of the different associations (**business lines**):
While EAA is focusing mainly on research in accounting and on networking among researchers, AAA and CAAA have in addition to research and networking two or three other “business lines”, being enhancing the teaching capacities of academics and providing teaching materials, the relationship with the profession and an active job market. Both the CAAA and the AAA started the business line “education” to attract more members and participants to their conferences. This results in a different conference set up and a different organisational model. For the time being the EAA is focusing on research and networking. AJ argued that therefore the mission of the EAA is to excel in these business lines, i.e. to focus on quality in academic research and promote the academic research of academics to standard setters and the accounting profession, and to facilitate networking.
- the **AAA Global Gathering**:
AJ reported that this year only academics had been invited to the meeting. The outcome of the discussions was that Subcommittees will be set up to work on specific topics. The group identified as “quick hits” four of the items they discussed, being things that could be started immediately and that are highly likely to yield mutual benefits:
 1. Clearing house for information and conference speakers
 1. Journal ranking position paper
 2. Short videos
 3. Better publicize and identify ways to get more interaction in global doctoral and junior faculty consortia

It was decided to run the Global Gathering again next year under the leadership of AAA given that it is the largest organisation with the most support staff.

Meeting with FEE

AJ reported that together with NC she had met Mr Boutellis-Taft, FEE Chief Executive and Mrs Blomme, FEE Deputy Chief Executive on 28th August 2013 in Brussels.

The meeting had been called by the FEE with the purpose of looking for opportunities of cooperation with the EAA and to exchange information. The following items were discussed as possible areas for cooperation:

- Organise a symposium sponsored by FEE at the EAA congress on a topic of interest to academics and FEE;
- Distribute calls for academic experts to review studies undertaken by FEE;
- In the future FEE envisages the possibility of funding academic research – the call for projects would be distributed by the EAA.

The MC reacted positively to these opportunities for cooperation.

Meeting with IASB

AJ had a meeting with Alan Teixeira, Senior Director-Technical Activities of the IASB on 7th September 2013 at the EUFIN conference in Valencia. The purpose of the meeting was to look for opportunities for cooperation and to promote the research of EAA members to the IASB. AJ presented the items dealt with in the meeting with Alan Teixeira and subsequently each item was discussed in the MC. The following items were discussed.

- The IFRS Foundation took the initiative to organize each year the Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa Memorial Lecture and Research Forum. The TP lecture will normally have a topic selected by the invited speaker, and is likely to focus on general matters relevant to global standards. The first TP lecture is likely to be run separately from the Research Forum. At the Forum, academic papers will be discussed by academics and different stakeholders in the standard setting process. The papers invited to be discussed at the Research Forum are papers which have been reviewed by a panel of academics following upon a call for papers launched through an academic journal on a certain topic.

The papers invited to be discussed will be considered for publication in that academic journal. AJ communicated to the MC members that the TP Lecture and Research Forum 2014 will be organised in cooperation with Oxford University and the journal 'Accounting and Business Research'. A call for papers on the conceptual framework was launched over the summer 2013 and the guest editors for ABR will be Mary Barth, Ann Tarca and Chris Nobes. In 2015 the TP conference will move to Asia. AJ also mentioned that, with the support of the Past President and the FRSC Chair, she discussed in Valencia the possibility of the cooperation of EAA in the organisation of the TP Lecture and Research Forum and the involvement of the EAA journals. The MC was in favour of this cooperation and would communicate this to the PC Chair.

- The IASB is thinking of organising roundtables in 2014 and beyond between IASB and EAA. They would be organised as one day meetings on a specific topic between IASB members and academics having experience with the related topic (similar to the joint meetings between AAA and FASB).

During the discussion, one MC member suggested that IASB could organise sessions in the same way as the FASB did, i.e. inviting PhD students to inform them about its policy and standard setting.

- A possibility to organise a symposium at the EAA congress 2014 about the future items on the agenda of the IASB in order to inform researchers well in advance on the topics that will be of interest to the standard setters. Since academic research cannot be produced on short notice, academics need to be informed well in advance on future topics of interest. This will allow academics to add to rigorous research articles also the characteristic of being policy relevant. The latter becomes important in accreditation processes that look for impact of research in society in addition to academic quality.

Toomas Haldma (TH), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2014, mentioned that the IASB will already have a symposium on the conceptual framework at the next conference. Begoña Giner and Peter Walton are involved in the organisation.

- The IASB is also interested to present its teaching material on IFRS to the participants of the EAA. Moreover the IASB would like to raise awareness of academics regarding information and studies made available by the IASB.

After some discussion in the MC, it was suggested to consider organising a session on Teaching Accounting either in the morning prior to the opening of the congress or just before the early bird social event. Now a slot of an hour and a half is inserted in the regular programme. It could be presented as a fringe activity adding value to the conference. This idea could be further investigated for 2016; if it is possible it can already also be introduced in 2015.

4. Congress updates

4.1. Update on preparations for the EAA Congress 2014, Tallinn

Toomas Haldma (TH), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2014, had no new elements to report on since the last MC meeting in Paris. All open questions had been addressed and solved during the Preparatory Meeting held in Tallinn on 20th September 2013.

4.2. Update on preparations for the EAA Congress 2015, Glasgow

Ian Thomson (IT), the Chair of the Congress 2015, reported that the main open issue is the dates of the congress. Running the conference from Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May would lead to a substantive price increase. It could also affect attendance as the 1st of May is a bank holiday in many countries. Because of these elements and the fact that there is competition for space in the venue during that week, IT urged the MC to approve the proposal to organise the conference from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th April 2015.

The MC unanimously approved IT's proposal.

IT confirmed that the EAA Doctoral Colloquium 2015 would be hosted by the University of St Andrews, with the approval of both DC co-chairs. Bus transportation from St Andrews to Glasgow will be provided.

4.3. Future EAA congress venues

GR reported on his contacts with future potential organisers and suggested also a number of cities and universities to consider for hosting future congresses.

4.4. Update on conference guidelines

GR referred to the revised version of the EAA Conference Guidelines circulated prior to the meeting and reported that most changes had already been discussed and decided upon in previous MC meetings or via email.

5. EAA committee membership update

5.1. Committee vacancies and timelines 2014-2015

On the basis of the document circulated prior to the meeting, AJ informed the MC on the selection and (re)election processes for various positions to be taken care of in the next weeks and months.

In a nutshell, the positions to be filled in are:

- President-elect → the process has to be launched in December 2013.
- MC members (x 2) → the process has to be launched in December 2013.
Given that at least 3 of the 6 MC members should already be Board members, there is a limited degree of freedom. In order to have all European poles well represented, one new MC member should ideally come from a southern country and another one from Scandinavia.
- National Representatives on the Board for various countries and regions
Given that the election of the Board members may impact the election of the two new MC members, it was requested to know the outcome of the Board members' elections by the end of January 2014. Therefore priority would be given to the elections of the Board members so that they would be known by the time of the selection of the MC members.
- Publications Committee Chair and EAA Newsletter Editor
These elections were dealt with later when discussing the PC matters (see item 7).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6. Doctoral student and research training

6.1. Progress report on EAA funded PhD related activities 2013

AJ summarised the process defined and the decision taken by the MC in May 2012 related to funding PhD related activities in 2013.

The MC had committed to provide a pool of funding to facilitate the attendance of European-based students, preferably from Eastern/Southern Europe, to already established doctoral activities/programmes organised in Europe.

From the allocated amount, at least 70% was to be applied to students coming from Eastern/Southern Europe. The remaining 30% could be used to finance students coming from other countries after approval by the EAA President of the criteria applied to select these students.

The events and the funds allocated to each of them were circulated prior to the meeting.

Further to the decision made during the May 2013 MC meeting to cut expenses, it was decided to reduce the budget for this type of activities. The financials as well as the criteria needed to be analysed carefully and would be re-discussed later when a new call was to be launched.

It was suggested to look at the totality of what EAA could do, as events needed to tie in with what students need. This suggestion triggered another one consisting in using the PhD Forum to investigate about the PhD students' needs. It was recalled that such feedback had already been collected during the Forum 2013, which had been summarised by Thomas Jeanjean.

Next AJ decided to discuss at this stage a proposal of a member on the organisation of sessions for scholars from emerging countries parallel to the EAA congress. In addition there was a request for help to tutor scholars from emerging countries.

AJ reported that prior to this meeting she had consulted the SSC asking for their opinion in relation with various proposals for special tracks at the EAA congress, for which the submission process was not the regular one.

The SSC communicated that they were not in favour of any of these proposals since they would lead to congresses within the congress and to papers following different review regimes.

The MC was fully in line with the SSC and did not approve the organization of any special track during the EAA Annual Congress or in parallel, where papers entered through different systems. At the same time the MC acknowledged the need to take initiatives to help young PhD students and young academics of Eastern Europe and Turkey with their research.

Several suggestions were already made, such as:

- organising the EAA's writing to publish workshop each time in a different Eastern European country or in Turkey;
- organising workshops in one of these countries on a specific topic, like the colloquium moderated by Wayne Landsman and John Christensen in Romania;
- finding a pool of academics that are willing to teach and tutor in the emerging countries for free.

It was decided to discuss possible initiatives during the February 2014 MC meeting.

6.2. Progress report on EAA Task Force on Doctoral Accounting Education in Europe

AJ reminded that further to Willem Buijink's comments and suggestions in the EAA Newsletter of February 2013, the MC had decided to set up a Task Force, whose aim should be to promote collaboration, share ideas and identify best practices for doctoral education in accounting across Europe. Ultimately, this Task Force would formulate recommendations and insights to the MC about actions to promote PhD Education in Accounting.

AJ referred to the status report by Thomas Jeanjean (TJ) and Joachim Gassen (JG) of the first meeting they had organized during the EAA Annual Congress 2013. AJ invited the MC to comment on their ideas further to the different strategies that had been debated in the Paris meeting. Was EAA to stimulate cooperation or competition?

The consensus among the MC members present was that the EAA needed to take care of the needs of all its members. This implies that EAA has to develop programmes and support for different types of PhD students and young academics and that it should be kept in mind that people face different needs at different stages of their PhD and young academic career. So the EAA intends to help the good students to get better, but also wants to help students from regions with less advanced doctoral training and research knowledge at home.

One member urged the MC to make an inventory of PhD programmes in Europe and find out whether demand and supply are in balance or not. The same member also suggested to outline strict criteria for programmes to adhere to in order to be called decent doctoral accounting programmes, as well as for supervisors to be qualified as supervisor.

The MC decided that - with the help of Willem Buijink, appointed in the meantime Academic Director at EIASM – it would proceed to the set up of the suggested inventory. With regard to the second point, the opinions diverged among the other MC members as to whether it was feasible and desirable. This needed to be further discussed during the February 2014 MC meeting, where other suggested ways of helping to improve research in Europe would be discussed, such as:

- web information on how to do research in e.g. "management accounting" (accessible on the EAA website only to EAA members or public?) + MOOC-like short presentations to discuss methodology and research questions
- writing to publish workshop
- support to short doctoral seminars
- regional clusters
- criteria for good doctoral programmes
- standards for good supervision
- jobmarket conference

The following initiatives will be offered to doctoral students as a recurring initiative:

- PhD Forum preceding the EAA congress
- Doctoral colloquium
- Sponsorship of PhD students taking part in the EAA congress

As it was acknowledged that the resources are limited, it was suggested to make a strong story for potential funding partners.

6.3. PhD Forum 2014

AJ reminded that during the Paris congress 2013, the EAA organised for the first time a PhD Forum set up and chaired by Thomas Jeanjean (TJ).

Given the high attendance and the positive feedback, it was decided to organise it again. Thomas agreed to co-organise with another MC member the PhD Forum in 2014.

Thorsten Sellhorn (TS) offered to co-organise it in 2014 with TJ and invited Philip Joos (PJ) to join him in 2015, which Philip accepted.

This was approved by the MC, who thanked TJ for having accepted to be involved in the organisation for a second time, as well as TS and PJ for offering themselves to take care of the future sessions.

It is up to TJ, TS and PJ to decide whether or not PJ should already be involved in the organization of the PhD Forum 2014.

It will be up to TS and PJ to decide for how long they will be involved in organizing the PhD Forum, i.e. for the time of their MC membership or longer.

6.4. PhD activities: The way forward

AJ closed the discussions related to doctoral education in accounting and made the following wrap up:

- It had been agreed that the objectives were twofold:
 - on the one hand the EAA will provide all help for good students to get better;
 - on the other hand the EAA will also develop activities for students that in their home institutions do not have the proper infrastructure to develop rigorous academic research.
- The MC acknowledged that PhD students have different needs at different stages of their PhD.
- The EAA President will contact the EIASM Academic Director, Willem Buijink to discuss a potential collaboration, starting with the inventory of doctoral accounting programmes.
- The suggestions listed previously (see item 6.2), which had been made during this meeting, will be discussed in depth during the February 2014 meeting.

7. Publications Committee issues

AJ mentioned that given that Wim Van Der Stede (WvdS), the Publications Committee Chair, who had been invited to attend this meeting, could not make it. Having been in contact with him prior to the meeting allowed her to report on the following PC topics.

7.1. Vacancies

New PC Chair

AJ recalled that WvdS had asked to resign before the end of his term due to new commitment taken on.

Given the role of the MC as outlined in the Corporate Governance Guidelines and based on the criteria requested for a PC Chair, the President and the Past President in cooperation with WvdS had identified Salvador Carmona (SC) as a good candidate to follow him up. The PC Chair needs to have experience with both the journals as well as with the Publisher. He/She needs to be able to take decisions but at the same time be open for compromises and he/she needs to be able to deal with politically sensitive issues.

AJ had contacted SC, who would be glad to serve if the MC approved his nomination. In that case, there would be a vacancy for a PC member, whose nomination would be submitted by the PC to the approval of the MC at the February 2014 MC meeting.

It was acknowledged that the PC needed someone who was aware of the pitfalls in the publishing contracts. It was further mentioned that the PC Chair should also provide help to the Editors in increasing the visibility of the journals.

The MC unanimously approved SC's nomination as PC Chair starting on 1st January 2014 and thanked WvdS for the time and efforts he spent on PC matters during the past 6 years as chair and as member.

New Newsletter Editor

Referring to WvdS's report, AJ explained the process for having nominated Ariela Caglio (AC) as the next EAA Newsletter Editor.

WvdS had contacted AC, who would be happy to serve if her nomination was approved.

The MC unanimously approved AC's nomination as EAA Newsletter Editor starting on 1st January 2015.

The MC proposed that the future PC Chair would maintain the policy of open calls for nominations started by WvdS.

AinE Editorial Board

Referring to Paul André's email, AJ reported that PA was looking to take 3 new Associate Editors on board for replacing the two current associate editors, and to expand the editorial board with a set of younger and active academics.

Although some turnover in the editorial board would be appreciated, the MC unanimously approved PA's proposals.

7.2. Journal Editors' fees

AJ briefly explained the reason for having this topic on the agenda. Before the EAA Annual Congress 2013 in Paris, the EAR Editor, had sent a note to the PC Chair outlining a request for increasing the Editor's fee.

As the PC did not come to a conclusion during its meeting in Paris, the matter was the object of a dedicated conference call in September 2013 of which the outcome was detailed in WvdS's report.

After discussion, the MC fully shared the PC's views and agreed with the PC that the financial support to the Editors should be construed in the spirit of a recognition model. According to the MC with every new incoming Editor, new discussions on recognition have to be undertaken. However some support of the university hosting the journal is expected, and candidates should be aware of that.

The President committed to look into the structure for a compensation model as proposed by the PC and the feasibility of financing the recurrent increase of expenses for the journals. The matter will be put on the agenda of the February 2014 MC meeting in order to submit a proposal for approval to the Board in May 2014.

7.3. Update of Corporate Governance Guidelines

After looking at WvdS's suggestion to update the role of the PC in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the MC approved the text suggested and proposed to add in addition to WvdS's suggestion the following elements:

- The PC should provide all help to the journal editors to increase the visibility of the journals.
- The PC uses a policy of open call for nominations for the following positions: EAR Editor, AinE Editor, Newsletter Editor and Book Review Editor.

8. Administrative and financial issues

8.1. YTD Accounts 2013

Martin Messner (MM), the Treasurer, mentioned that the YTD Accounts 2013 as at 21/10/2013, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were tabled as work in progress.

He pointed out that a couple of important figures were still missing at this stage, i.e. the royalties and the Paris surplus on the income side, and the Editors' fees and part of the EIASM fee on the expenditure side.

8.2. Savings strategy

MM stated that the EAA had currently money on saving accounts spread over several banks. He suggested to transfer part of the savings on term accounts and to invest part in government bonds with a different maturity scale (1, 2, 3 years).

MM invited the MC Members to inform him of any good investment opportunities.

The MC approved MM's savings strategy.

8.3. Service Level Agreement EIASM

AJ recalled that in October 2009 a list of administrative services and related costs had been tacitly agreed upon by the EAA President in place and the EIASM Administrative Director for a period of three years. It was pointed out that "providing help with social media" was now included in the list of activities.

A new Service Level Agreement, valid for 3 calendar years as of 1st January 2014, had now been submitted to her including a proposal to increase the fee on an annual basis by the Belgian cost of living index.

Given the good value for money, the MC approved the new agreement.

8.4. EAA social media

AJ stated that despite the need to be present on social media and to have a more lively website, it would be safer to start slowly and to see how it develops. She therefore suggested to start with a Facebook page, which NC agreed to set up, as a parallel promotion channel to the website. The next step could be a link to Twitter, LinkedIn, etc. in which case a moderator would be needed. However the first efforts would go to the development of a Facebook page, which would be used to inform especially the younger academics of initiatives for their particular group.

9. Congress issues

9.1. Financial results of EAA congresses 2012 and 2013

GR reported that after having paid the final VAT amount due (4.615,64€), the EAA Annual Congress 2012 ended up with a small loss (- 2.554,61€). On the basis of this information, the MC approved to cover the small loss.

Next GR reported that the EAA Annual Congress 2013 ended up with a substantial surplus of which the amounts are still subject to checking.

He explained that in order to avoid a loss, he had asked the Paris Organisers to cut down on costs (abstract book, gala dinner...). The cost cutting down, the substantial sponsorship received and the large number of delegates led to the surplus.

Given the importance of the surplus, it was requested to compare the real Paris figures with the budget in order to identify the reasons for this discrepancy. Hence the reported surplus still needs to be confirmed by extra analyses.

9.2. Approval of final budget and fees for EAA Congress 2014

Toomas Haldma (TH), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2014, presented the Tallinn budget sent prior to the meeting.

It was commonly acknowledged that scenario 2 with 1.000 paying delegates was the most probable one, despite the fear of the MC that the number of delegates could be lower than in Tampere and Ljubljana given the incidence of the economic crisis on university budgets (no paper accepted, no travel budget). It was suggested to follow up closely on the number of papers submitted in December 2013.

As the loss presented with scenario 2 was not acceptable as such, the MC :

- 1) requested TH to find ways of cutting costs if needed, to which he communicated that the transportation cost could be reduced and that he was expecting an increase in sponsorship.
- 2) suggested to increase the regular and the onsite congress fees as those who register late or onsite are eager to attend the congress.

The following fees (including Estonian VAT, excluding EAA membership 2015) were approved:

- 420€ → early bird fee
- 490€ → regular fee
- 550€ → onsite fee (as of day before the conference start)

TH was asked to downsize the number of non paying delegates and to review the number of accompanying persons.

With these suggestions, the MC approved the budget scenario 2.

9.3. Approval of preliminary budget for EAA Congress 2015

Ian Thomson (IT), the Chair of the EAA Congress 2015, presented the Glasgow budget sent prior to the meeting.

IT reported that he expected a reasonable attendance and was facing no restrictions in terms of venue and accommodation. Nevertheless he had room for cutting costs and for presenting a scenario with a breakeven at 900 delegates if needed. At this stage the breakeven was still high due to the venue cost, but he would soon be entering into secondary negotiations with the congress centre. Running the conference from Monday to Wednesday was cheaper than from Wednesday to Friday.

IT was also asked to downsize the number of non paying delegates (same as Tallinn).

The MC approved to run the conference from Monday 27th April to Wednesday 29th April 2015 and also approved the preliminary budget presented.

9.4. Discussion on the preliminary budget for EAA Congress 2016

AJ pointed out that it was the first time that the EAA had asked for a budget before approving the candidate as a host of the EAA congress.

The Maastricht budget circulated during the meeting was discussed and a number of questions were formulated to be asked to Maastricht.

9.5. EAA-AAA linkage

AJ reported that Marc Wouter's proposal regarding an EAA-AAA linkage, consisting in the organization of a MAS-organised concurrent section of the AAA within the EAA congress, had been forwarded prior to this meeting to the SSC Chair and the CC Chair to get their opinion.

The MC, agreeing with the view of the SSC and CC, was not in favour of the idea that conferences within the EAA conference would be developed and that papers submitted go through different review regimes.

Therefore the MC unanimously approved that this is not an avenue to pursue. The MC approved AJ's suggestion to ask AV to find out whether alternative types of collaboration with the MAS-AAA section could be considered.

10. Any Other Business

It was decided that the next interim MC meeting would take place in Brussels on Tuesday, 11th February 2014.

No other question or remark was made. The President thanked all attendees and wished them a nice trip back home.
