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**Minutes Members' Forum Paris, 13|07|2013**

16:40 – 17:58

**1. General Reports**

▪ President

- Presence in international Associations – in the interest of EASA and Social Anthropology in general
  - \* EASH European Alliance of Social Science and Humanities reg. Horizon 2020 in March 2012, two meetings so far
  - \* International network | WCAA
    - EASA to acquire an active momentum
    - 2 meetings in the last year
    - EASA presence is strong with M. Buchowski, WCAA Deputy Chair, former EASA President, and Chandana Mathur, Secretary of WCAA
- Growing Membership ...
  - \* 1.450 delegates at EASA 2012
  - \* Last year 1.200 members, today 2.200
    - 62% Full members
    - 11% Associate members
    - 27% Student members
  - \* By income category (approx)
    - Above € 50.000 | 10%
    - Between 25.000 – 49.999 | 26%
    - Below 24.999 | 37%
- This growth should be considered as a turning point, EASA has to adjust its structures in a positive manner:
  - EASA present on Twitter and Facebook
  - Membership Directory to enable a better networking
  - New Website Design – Thanks to NomadIT

▪ Finances (David Shankland) |

- Presentation of Income 2012, the expected one for 2013
- Cash Float presently € 200.000
- Maynooth Conference 2010 with a strong plus (€ 10.000)
- Nanterre Conference 2012 will also be very positive

- Expenses for EASA membership:
  - Nanterre Conference: € 20.000 for subsidising members
  - Book Prize 2012: € 5.000
  - Network funding 2011: € 16.000
- Journal (Mark Maguire) s. Appendix
- Book Series (James Carrier) s. Appendix

## 1. Changes of Constitution | to be voted by Members Forum

- There have been discussions about membership categories and the sponsorship for membership in the Executive Committee over the last year.
- A survey was sent out twice to members via Email distribution and the Newsletter (Number 56, April 2012). Responses were sizeable. After having analysed them, the Executive Committee has decided the following:
  - The debate should continue regarding Sponsorship, as there was no clear majority one way or the other, answers and opinions were evenly distributed.
  - Regarding Membership Categories, there was a clear trend to abrogate the difference between Ordinary and Associate Members.  
The Executive Committee therefore submits the following changes of the Constitution, as may be seen in the hands-out distributed at the entrance to the Members' Forum (see Appendix).

After reading the changes, a lively discussion followed – the main arguments against any change:

- EASA is already part of a wider community within WCAA;
- The aims of creating the Association would be taken out with these changes;
- Our shared common field is Europeanness, within the present wider geopolitical framework, this is not the moment to give that up. The changes would imply losing the specificity of Europeanness;
- There are countries where there is no such specific degree in anthropology. Many Ordinary Members would have to become Associate Members;
- The reason for a change of Constitution does not appear **conclusive**.

Given the lively debate, the proposal of the Executive Committee **was not directly submitted to voting**.

The President proposed a vote on whether the present membership (only ordinary members are allowed to vote) wanted a change to the Constitution or not.

Proposal: "Should the Constitution remain unchanged?"

35 for the motion (i.e. no change)

18 against the motions (i.e. for changing it)

**Thereafter, the proposal of the Executive Committee was no more submitted to voting.**

## 2. Membership Fees | Decision of the Executive Committee (10|07|2012, unanimous)

### New Membership Fees:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▪ High Income Category   | [Above € 50.000]            | € 100,00                            |
| ▪ Middle Income Category | [Between € 25.000 – 49.999] | € <b>75,00</b> (previously € 80,00) |
| ▪ Low Income Category    | [Below € 24.999]            | € <b>40,00</b> (previously € 50,00) |
| ▪ Students' Fees         |                             | € 30,00                             |

### Associate Members:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▪ High Income Category   | [Above € 50.000]            | € 100,00                            |
| ▪ Middle Income Category | [Between € 25.000 – 49.999] | € <b>75,00</b> (previously € 80,00) |

- Low Income Category

[Below € 24.999]

€ **40,00** (previously € 50,00)

- Explanation:
  - The Executive Committee decided these changes in view of the present crises (financial and jobs);
  - With the change of the lowest income category fees, the Executive Committee also wishes to encourage PhD-students to become full members.

### 3. Book Prize

Awarded to Ieva Raubisco:

“Life in a Negative Space. Moral Disintegration in Post-War Chechnya”

### 4. New Book Prize Rules and Network Regulations

- New Book Prize Rules for book prize 2014
  - The best manuscript published in the last 2 years in Berghahn EASA Book Series
  - € 1.000,00 as prize;
  - Advert in Anthropology Today.
- Networks
  - There are presently 20 networks, and five further applications in, others to come.
  - There are new network rules (published in Newsletter 56, April 2012, and sent out to Network convenors for commenting and approval)
  - In the future, the communication between network convenors and Executive Committee should be more regular. Therefore, an elected member of the Executive Committee will be nominated to liaise with network convenors together with the Secretary.
  - Network Funding (only for any category of members of EASA)
    - \* New formal application and report form
    - \* Funding for 2013:
      - Total amount € 25.000,00
      - Max. funding per Network € 4.000,00
      - Funding of cross-border travel and accommodation (the latter of all eligible applicants)
      - The money has to be spent by December 31, 2013
      - Besides the report of the funding activity, networks are requested to send a yearly report of their activities to the Secretary. These will be published in the Newsletter.

### 5. End of Term of Offices

- Maria Couroucli | Elected member, has accomplished two terms
- David Shankland | Treasurer, end of 6 years term
- Thomas Fillitz | Secretary, end of 6 years term
- James Carrier | Book Series Ed., end of 4 years term, but continue for a year as “Acting Book Series Editor” (see below)

### 6. New Appointments

- New Treasurer | Rachael Goberman-Hill, Bristol
- New Secretary | Alberto Corsín-Jiménez, Madrid
- Book Series Editor | James Carrier continues as “Acting Book Series Editor” until AGM in Autumn 2013. Manuscripts may be submitted during that time.

- Search for new Book Series Editor by the new Executive until that date in collaboration with James Carrier and Marion Berghahn.

**7. Elections to the Executive Committee 2013 | The precise dates to be published in the next Newsletter and on the EASA-website**

- Call by November 2012 in the Newsletter and on Website
- Deadline for application November 16, 2012
- Elections end of January 2013
- Results early February 2013
- February 2013 “hand-over”

**8. EASA2014**

- The Executive Committee selected unanimously **Tallin** as site of EASA2014

**9. General Matters**

- Maria Vivod from Serbia requested a “symbolic support” from EASA for her difficult situation due to a refusal of a local government to allocate a research fund.
- No other matters from the floor.

**CLOSING of Members’ Forum at 17:58.**