European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 26th May 2011, 17-19 p.m.
at MECC Congress Centre, Maastricht, the Netherlands

REPORT

In the General Assembly (GA) there were representatives from 15 Constituents and 119 EAWOP ordinary/full members were present.

- The President of EAWOP, Arnold Bakker, welcomed the participants. The proposed agenda for the meeting was accepted without changes with the following topics: 1) election of examiners of minutes and voting counters; 2) approval of minutes of the General Assembly meeting held in Santiago de Compostela (May 15, 2009); 3) report of the President; 4) changes in the statutes and rules; 5) approval of the financial report; 6) EAWOP budget framework for 2011-2012 and the subscription rates 2013-2015; 7) Alliance for Organizational Psychology; 8) election of new EC members; 9) reports of the EAWOP Journals; 10) accepting new Constituents; and 11) next congresses.

- Four examiners of minutes were elected, Joan Gabriel Tiernan (Ireland) and Sverre Nielsen (Norway) represented members while Helen Baron (UK) and José M. Peiró-Silla (Spain) represented Constituents. Ana Passos (Portugal) and Yseult Freeney (Ireland) were elected as voting counters. The GA thanked all of them for their help.

- The minutes of the GA meeting held in Santiago de Compostela 15th May, 2009 were approved without changes.

- The President of EAWOP, Arnold Bakker, gave an overall report on the activities and achievements of the association over the last two years. Furthermore, he presented future plans of the Executive Committee for the next two-year period. The report was welcomed by the participants.

- The General Secretary of EAWOP, Henry Honkanen, presented a proposal of changes of statutes and rules. Four changes in the statutes of EAWOP were approved by the GA: 1) emphasis on the non-profit character of EAWOP; 2) new labels for members (Ordinary
member to Full member and Retired member to Senior member); 3) election of examiners of GA meetings; and 4) use of the “May to May” annual principle for the payment and services of EAWOP.

The Treasurer of EAWOP, Vicente Martínez-Tur, presented the financial report (2009-2010), the budget framework (2011-2012), and the subscription rates for 2013-2015 (the membership fee is 75 EUR per year for Full members and Associate members, and 65 EUR for SIOP and IAAP members; the membership fee is 35 EUR per year for Student members and Senior members; and the Constituent fee is 380 EUR per year for Constituents). The financial report, the budget, and the proposal of subscription rates were approved by the GA.

The President of EAWOP, Arnold Bakker, gave an overall report on what has been done after 2009 and presented the plans of the organizational platform and activities for the new international association that will be formed by EAWOP, SIOP and IAAP. The report was welcomed by the participants.

Angela Carter (UK) was elected without any opposition as an EC member for the next two year period. Sílvia Costa Agostinho da Silva (Portugal) and Kristiina Fromholz-Mäki (Finland) were elected as new members of EC of EAWOP.

The Editor of the European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology, Vicente González-Romá, gave a state of the art report about the journal. The Editor of Organizational Psychology Review, Daan van Knippenberg, gave a state of art report about the new journal; the first issue was published during Spring 2011. The work of the Editors and their teams was applauded by the participants.

Six new associations were accepted as new Constituents of EAWOP: Estonian Work and Organizational Psychology Association (EWOPA); Italian Psychological Association (AIP), Section Psychology for Organizations; Lithuanian Psychological Association, Division of Organizational Psychology; Lithuanian Association of Applied Psychology; Malta Association of Work and Organizational Psychology; and Polish Association of Organizational Psychology

The EC announced that the next congress will be held in Münster University, Germany from 22 to 25 May, 2013. Professor Guido Hertel gave a short presentation about their plans for the congress. In addition, two bids for the 2015 Congress were presented from UK and Norway.

The GA was closed without any other business.

The examiners of minutes, and the President and General Secretary of EAWOP, checked and approved the minutes of the GA.