

EACP General Assembly
Gent
Saturday, 7 September 2019
13:00–13:38

Total number of EACP members present:

42

Board members present:

Selusi Ambrogio, Ivana Buljan, Bart Desein (Vice-President), Helena Motoh (Treasurer), Jana Rošker, Christian Soffel (Secretary), Ady Van den Stock, Ralph Weber (President)

Board members not present (excused):

Vytis Silius, Lun DU.

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

The president welcomes the participants of the General Assembly.

The president proposes the following changes to the agenda:

- Since there is no “report from the auditor” available, item 4 “Report from the Treasurer and Report from the Auditor” should be shortened to “Report from the Treasurer” and item 5 “Exoneration of the Treasurer” should be removed. The president announces, that he will find an EACP member to become auditor, so that the Report from the Auditor and Exoneration of the Treasurer for the years 2017 to 2019 will be postponed.
- The president suggests to add a 10th item on the agenda: “Honorary Membership”.

The General Assembly agrees unanimously to these agenda changes by acclamation.

2. Change of the Statute

The president recites and explains the changes to the EACP statute proposed by the board in detail one by one.

(See attachment to this report.)

The General Assembly agrees unanimously to all the proposed changes to the statute.

The General Assembly agrees that the remaining statute changes shall still remain valid, in case that some of these changes are invalid due to legal reasons.

3. Report from the President

The president describes the development and the success of the EACP during the five years of its existence. He notes that today several people, who have been shaping the society during its formative stage, will step back from the board, and that new board members will be elected, which is a turning point for the EACP.

The EACP is now officially associated with FISP (“Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie”). The president encourages the EACP members to actively participate in activities of the FISP, like its upcoming “World Congress of Philosophy” in Melbourne (Australia), July 2023.

The EACP also maintains a good relationship to the “European Association of Chinese Studies” (EACS), not least through the EACS president Bart Desein, and alternates its biennial conferences

with the EACS. The EACS gave the EACP the opportunity to present itself at the last EACS conference in Glasgow (August 2018). The president would like to see more panels on philosophy at future conferences of the EACS (e.g. in Leipzig 25-29 August 2020).

4. Report from the Treasurer and Report from the Auditor

The Treasurer reports that the EACP now has around 50 members. Two years ago there were €1484.31 on the bank account, meanwhile the sum has increased to €2404.31.

The Treasurer mentions some previous problems with the registration system on the website, which now should have been fixed.

The EACP did not spend much money during the past two years, aside from payments for bank fees, stamps etc.

The Treasurer encourages the EACP members to express to the board any ideas how to spend the money wisely.

New members are reminded to register on the website *and* to complete the online application form; these steps are formally required to become proper members.

The software of the website will be updated in a few months.

The Treasurer also encourages all members to find and invite new prospective members.

5. Exoneration of the Treasurer

Cancelled, will be postponed to a future General Assembly.

6. Regional Representatives

The board decided to suspend the institution of “regional representatives”.

The regional representatives were very helpful during the formative stage of the society, but with the recent success of the EACP it seems that they are not needed anymore.

The president thanks the former regional representatives for their work.

As a counterbalance, the size of the board has been increased.

7. Board Elections

The board has prepared a ballot paper with the list of candidates.

Tea Sernelj volunteers to collect the votes.

The vote yields the following result:

A total of 42 votes were cast.

Candidates running for President:

Ralph Weber, University of Basel, 42 valid votes

Candidates running for Vice-President:

Selusi Ambrogio, University of Macerata, 42 valid votes

Candidates running for the Board:

Ivana Buljan, University of Zagreb, 42 valid votes

Joseph Ciaudo, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, 42 valid votes

Lisa Indraccolo, Zürich University, 42 valid votes

Maja Kosec, University of Ljubljana, 41 valid votes
Helena Motos, Science and Research Centre Koper, 42 valid votes
Geir Sigurðsson, University of Iceland, 41 valid votes
Christian Soffel, Trier University, 42 valid votes
Mercedes Valmisa, Gettysburg College, 41 valid votes
Ady Van den Stock, Ghent University, 42 valid votes

All proposed candidates were elected.

The president thanks the former board members.

The president also acknowledges the work of the webmasters Matej Zima and Mitja Podreka, as well as all members of the Ljubljana “home base”, like Jana Rošker and Tea Sernelj.

8. EACP Conference 2021

The president announces the decision of the board to hold the 2021 EACP conference in Italy at the University of Macerata. Selusi Ambrogio gives an introduction the venue: Macerata is Matteo Ricci’s home town, 20 minutes drive to the seaside, and 20 minutes to the mountains. Part of the conference will take place in a villa with a surrounding park. As there is no airport close to Macerata, the organisers will arrange bus transfer to/from Rome or Bologna (about 3 hours ride). The first day of the conference shall take place in the city center, the second day in the villa (which is outside the city), and the third day again in the center. The conference will likely be held during the first week of September 2021.

9. Miscellaneous

The president and the General Assembly express their sincere thanks to the organizers of the 2019 conference in Gent, in particular Bart Desein, Ady Van den Stock, Mieke Matthyssen, and the staff at Gent University.

The president and the General Assembly express their thanks to the parting board members, who have reached their maximum limit of terms: Bart Desein, Lun Du, Jana Rošker and Vitys Silius, appreciating their contributions to the association.

10. Honorary Membership

The president informs the General Assembly that the board has proposed to grant Jana Rošker the status of “Honorary Member” of the EACP. It was Jana Rošker’s idea to establish the association, and she has been the mastermind behind the scenes.

General Assembly decides unanimously to appoint the status of “Honorary Member” to Jana Rošker.

Jana is very moved and thanks everybody.

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The president concludes the session of the General Assembly at 13:38.

Gent, September 6, 2019

Ralph Weber (EACP President)

Christian Soffel (EACP Secretary)

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Attachment:

- Changes to the EACP Statute.
- Treasurer's Report

European Association for Chinese Philosophy

**General Assembly Meeting
on September 07 2019
Gent**

Proposed Changes to the Statute

Article 6:

typo: “informes” → “informs”

Article 13:

change the following passage:

Anyone wishing to become a member shall submit a written request, CV and statement that he/she will adhere to the terms of this Statute. The application shall be submitted to the Executive Board of the Association, which approves the membership. The Board may reject membership in case a legal or individual person does not fulfil the conditions precised in Article 11. If the Executive Board does not approve a membership application, this decision can be overruled by the General Assembly. Standardized application forms may be used. On applying, the applicant, or an authorized representative in the case of associations and corporations, declares by giving his or her name and address to adhere to the terms of this Constitution. The member is accepted as soon as the Executive Board has given written consent to the application and the membership fee has been received.

To the following:

Anyone wishing to become a member shall submit a written request, CV and statement that he/she will adhere to the terms of this Statute. **He/she will also register at the Association webpage (www.ea-cp.eu/user/register).** The Board may reject membership in case a legal or individual person does not fulfill the conditions precised in Article 11. If the Executive Board does not approve a membership application, this decision can be overruled by the General Assembly. Standardized application forms may be used. On applying, the applicant, or an authorized representative in the case of associations and corporations, declares by giving his or her name and address to adhere to the terms of this **statute. The member is accepted as soon as the membership fee has been received and the applicant has registered to the Association webpage.**

Article 21:

change the following passage:

General Assembly has reached quorum when at the time appointed there are more than half of voting members present. In case no quorum is established, the meeting is postponed by thirty minutes. After this period the Assembly has reached quorum with one third of voting members present.

to the following:

General Assembly has reached quorum when at the time appointed there are more than **twenty or more than half** of voting members present. ~~In case no quorum is established, the meeting is postponed by thirty days. After this period the Assembly has reached quorum with ten members present.~~

Article 22:

after the following passage:

The Board is responsible to the General Assembly. The members of the following boards shall be elected by secret ballot at each General Assembly. Those who receive the highest numbers of votes shall be elected. Candidates for membership of the Board shall apply formally to the Secretary before the date of the General Assembly. They shall be elected for a period of two years. They may be re-elected for two further consecutive terms of office.

add the following passage:

The Treasurer and the General Secretary may be re-elected for four further consecutive terms of office.

Article 23:

typo: General Assembly → General Assemblies

typo: Trasurer → Treasurer

Article 23:

typo: magazins → magazines

Article 32:

typo: dissoluted → dissolved

Article 34:

change the following passage:

The articles of the Constitution shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the General Assembly.

To the following:

The articles of the **statute** shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the General Assembly.

Article 35:

change the following passage:

The articles of the Constitution may be amended only by the General Assembly.

To the following:

The articles of the **statute** may be amended only by the General Assembly.

Additional note:

If some of these changes to the statute are invalid due to legal reasons, the remaining statute changes shall still remain valid.