

Minutes of the Members' Meeting of the European Association of Methodology

July 11, 2008, Oviedo

Meeting called to order at 5:40 at the Faculty of Psychology, University of Oviedo. 20 Members attended the meeting.

President R. Steyer welcomes participants.

1. Agenda

It was sent out by e-mail.
The agenda was approved.

2. Minutes from last Members' Meeting (Budapest)

It was posted on the website of EAM.
The minutes was approved.

3. President's report

Membership issues: there are currently 428 members, (190 from Spain), from 44 different countries. Among them, 48 are students and 10 from low income countries. The membership still grows.

Cooperation with Psychometric Society: it was discussed at the EC meeting. Discussion will have to be continued.

EC decide to meet once a year from now on to discuss EAM issues.

R. Steyer announced that he will not run for President.

4. Treasurer's report

The report is attached in writing.

Auditors appointed from among the members present (Dr. Adamowicz and Dr. Varga)

Auditors and Treasurer left room to check details of bank drafts.

The auditors will report later during the meeting.

5. Scientific Awards

The award recipients were announced (best paper, best presentation)

6. Report on the journal Methodology (M. Ato)

The editors of the Journal see a need to increase the number of pages. They think that many of the submissions they receive are manuscripts that are rejected elsewhere. It will be some time before the Journal becomes the first choice of authors. Referee reaction times and depth vary a lot but this is common for all journals. Michael Eid will step down at the end of 2008.

The report was approved

7. Report on Book Series

The report was sent in and is attached. The report was approved

8. Honorary Membership of Don Rubin

There was unanimous support for the proposal. Honorary members will be asked from now on to publish a paper in the Journal.

9. Change in statutes

The meaning of the proposed change is that the Members' Meeting will be allowed to elect officers of EAM, irrespective of the number of members present. This rule is applied commonly in scientific associations where members only meet at conferences.

The change was unanimously approved.

10. Appointing an Election Chair

Julio Sanchez-Meca proposed as election chair. The proposal was unanimously approved. Election Chair takes over chair.

12. EC election procedure

Rules of election read. Nominations requested from members. The following proposals were made:

president (J. Muniz)
vice president (T. Rudas)
general secretary (H. Holling)
deputy general secretary (T. Anguera)

treasurer (H. Moosbrugger)
members (R. Steyer, J. Hox, M Barbero, E. Garcia-Cueto).

Voting takes place. Ballots distributed to members present. Ballots were collected and counted by the Election Chair. 20 members were present at vote. 20 ballots were received

13. Auditors' report arrives

The Auditors report that Treasurer's report was fully approved.

14. Executive Committee steps down

Members relieve the EC members from further duties and approve their work.

15. Election results

All ballots are read aloud by the Election Chair.

Results:

Muniz 20
Rudas 19
Holling 19
Anguera 20
Moosbrugger 19
Steyer 20
Hox 19
Barbero 20
Cueto 20

J. Muniz takes over chair

16. Election of Election Chair for 2010

Julio Sanchez-Meca was proposed as Election Chair for 2010. The nomination was approved and accepted..

17. Future issues

The general goal is to make EAM stronger. This goal may be best achieved by Increasing membership, Improving journal quality, Increasing visibility.

18. Next conference

Berlin had been accepted in Budapest as next venue. The dates of the next conference are July 21-23, 2010. It will be held near Berlin, in Potsdam.
The proposal was approved.

19. Other business

R. Steyer: the homepage is not fully utilized. All members were urged to send in material to be posted and use the services made available on the homepage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Appendix: Report on the EAM Book series by Joop Hox

Dear Rolf

There are a number of things I would like to bring to your attention.

First, I will be unable to attend the EAM conference. As to my position on the board, I am standing for re-election but only this time. The reason for standing for re-election is that I think it is important that one of the active EAM book series editors is also on the board. After the next term I will not stand for re-election again.

I have asked the other EAM book series editors, but unfortunately they are also unable to attend the EAM meeting. Hence this email to sum up where we stand and where we (I think) should be going. I hope you can inform the EAM board and the EAM members of the series. The very short summary is that it is doing very well.

First item: Business news: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, who hosted the EAM book series, was taken over by Taylor & Francis in 2007. They will continue to host the EAM book series, and the only real change is a better International exposure. The EAM editor who was managing the EAM series, Debra Riegert, will continue to do so.

Concerning the EAM book series board, we should think about a replacement scheme. Starting 2009, we plan to replace one member each year. I propose that when there is a vacancy, the procedure is as follows: the EAM chair asks the EAM members to bring forward nominations. The sitting EAM book series editors then make a proposal for the board for a new book series editor, and the board decides. We will aim continue to aim for a set of editors that is geographically spread and covers both methodology and statistics. Would you put this proposal for a replacement procedure on the agenda of the board to discuss this procedure and confirm it (or alter where needed)?

Second, a short report on the EAM book series:

There are now two EAM publications:

The first an edited volume on Longitudinal Modeling by Van Montfort, Oud & Satorra (2007).
The second an edited volume "The International handbook of survey methodology" by De Leeuw, Hox & Dillman (2008).

There are two books being prepared: one on The Methodology of Internet Surveys and one on The Methodology of Comparative Analysis. Both are working titles. The proposals have been accepted by both editors and publishers, and are currently In Preparation.

Finally, now that there are published EAM publications and more on their way, we should find a good place for them on the EAM homepage.

Best regards

Joop