

Minutes of the 2010 Members' Meeting of the European Association of Methodology (EAM)

Location: Congress Hall of the EAM Conference venue, Potsdam

Date: 22 July 2010, 17:00 to 19:00

The meeting was announced via email to all EAM members on June 5, 2010.

The agenda of the members' assembly consists of:

1. Accepting the Agenda for this meeting
2. Accepting the minutes of the 4th EAM Members Assembly in Oviedo, July 11, 2008
3. President's Report (José Muñiz)
4. Treasurer's Report (Helfried Moosbrugger)
5. Changes in the structure of fees
6. Report on the Journal *Methodology* (Joop Hox, Julio Sánchez Meca)
7. Report on the EAM Book series (Joop Hox)
8. Scientific Affairs (Best Paper, Best Presentation)
9. Elections of the EAM Executive Committee
10. Elections procedure
11. Auditors' Report
12. Elections Results
13. Electing the Chair for the EC Elections 2012
14. Next Conference
15. Other business

30 members and several guests attend the meeting.

President J. Muniz welcomes the participants.

1. Accepting the Agenda for this meeting

One subject, changes in the structure of fees, was added to the former agenda as item 5 to the agenda.

The extended agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Accepting the minutes of the 4th EAM Members Assembly in Oviedo, July 11, 2008

The minutes of the 4th EAM Members Assembly in Oviedo, July 11, 2008 2004, which are available on the EAM website at www.eam-online.org were unanimously approved.

3. President's report

President José Muñiz thanks the organizing committee and especially Prof. Koeller for the excellent job in organizing and conducting the congress.

He also thanks the scientific committee, the local organizing committee as well as other persons and institutions involved in this congress.

Then, he gives a report about the work of the executive committee of the EAM during the last two years. The main goals of the activities referred to:

- Increasing the memberships and visibility of EAM
- Strengthening the position for journal *Methodology*
- Accomplishment of successful EAM conferences
- Updating the EAM website

Good news are that (1) an impact factor will be available for the journal *Methodology* in July 2011 and (2) problems concerning the collection of the membership fees have been solved.

Finally, the president points out that he has the impression the EAM is getting more and more important not at least because of the congress, book series and journal.

4. Treasurer's report

The treasurer, Helfried Moosbrugger, gives an overview about his report on the finances of the EAM for 2008 and 2009. The treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

The most important figures are summarized in the following table.

Revenues and Expenses of the EAM from 01 07 2008 to 20 07 2010

Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
30 12 2008	16 293,40	16 669,16	375,76
30 12 2009	14 952,67	15 412,13	459,46
20 07 2010	1 453,70	9 475,55	8 021,85

Helfried Moosbrugger comments on the financial situation in 2009 that the debt claim of 17 500 € by Hogrefe concerning the journal *Methodology* could not be fully settled. Thanks to the excellent relationship of Helfried Moosbrugger to the publisher, 3 000 Euros have been waived by Hogrefe.

Furthermore, fees for maintaining the EAM website in 2009 could not be met, but this amount has been paid in 2010.

Number of total members in 2008 amounted to 412 and in 2009 to 440. The total number of members in 2010 is up to now 470. But according to a decision of the execution committee, this morning, this number will probably decrease.

Since 46 of 161 normal members and 21 members with a reduced fee have not paid their membership fees for 2008 as well as 2009 in spite of several reminders they will be

suspended after a period of four weeks if they do not pay these fees within this time period. Therefore, the number of members may be reduced from 470 to 403 members.

President José Muñiz thanks Helfried Moosbrugger for his report and excellent work.

Furthermore, he announces that Helfried Moosbrugger will resign his position as treasurer because of his retirement. President J. Muniz and all members express their gratitude towards Helfried Moosbrugger for the excellent job he did in this position.

Helfried Moosbrugger introduces Johannes Hartig and proposes him as his successor. Johannes Hartig is Professor for Educational Measurement (German Institute for International Educational Research, Frankfurt) and has already agreed to overtake this position.

5. Changes in the structure of fees

The president makes a proposal which has been worked out by the members of the executive committee this morning. There is no change for the normal membership and AEMCO membership (70 EUR for normal membership and 50 EUR for AEMCO membership). Members of developing countries, PhD students and students get a reduction of 50%, i.e. they pay 35 EUR and get the journal as well. Furthermore, students may pay 10 EUR only without getting the journal.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

Tamas Rudas explains that it would not be reasonable to only offer an electronic version of the journal *Methodology*. Although some member might appreciate this option the printed copies would be too expensive in this case and could lead to a dangerous situation for the journal.

6. Report on the Journal Methodology (Joop Hox)

Joop Hox reports that the journal *Methodology* has just been accepted for the *Social Science Citation Index* and the *Current Contents/Social & Behavioral Sciences*. The impact factor will be determined in 2011.

7. Report on the EAM Book series (Joop Hox)

Joop Hox gives an overview about the development of the book series published by Taylor and Francis. This book series was established by Edith de Leeuw (University of Utrecht), Anuska Ferligoj (University of Ljubljana), Joop Hox (University of Utrecht) and Vasja Vehova (University of Ljubljana).

In 2009 Anuska Ferligoj stepped down and Pamela Campanelli (Essex, UK) joined the board. Joop Hox will step down in 2010 and be replaced by Manuel Ato (University of Murcia).

There are five books in the series. Two books are already published:

- Longitudinal models in the behavioral and related sciences, edited by Han Oud, Kees van Montfort and Albert Satorra
- International Handbook of Survey Methodology edited by Edith de Leeuw, Joop Hox and Don Dillman.

Currently in production and probably published in 2011 is:

Handbook of Advanced Multilevel Analysis edited by Joop Hox, and J. Kyle Roberts

Two books will forthcome about 2012/3:

- Social and Behavioral Research and the Internet by Marcel Das, Peter Ester and Lars Kaczmirek.

- Cross-Cultural Analysis by Eldad Davidov, Peter Schmidt and Jaak Billiet.

At the moment there is no proposal for new books.

8. Scientific Affairs (Best Paper, Best Presentation)

It is planned to give an award for the best paper of a young scientist and an award for the best contribution on the next conference. The organizers of the conference will be contacted by the executive committee.

9. Elections of the EAM Executive Committee

President José Muñiz makes the following proposal based upon the discussions in the executive committee this morning. There are only slight changes compared to the existing executive committee.

Proposals for the member of the executive committee are:

Prof. José Muniz for President

Prof. Tamas Rudas for Vice President

Prof. Heinz Holling for General Secretary

Prof. Teresa Anguera for Deputy General Secretary

Prof. Johannes Hartig for Treasurer

For EC members:

Prof. Rolf Steyer

Prof. Helfried Moosbrugger

Prof. Joop Hox

Prof. Eduardo Garcia-Cueto

The order of the next two items have been changed.

10. Auditors' Report

Benjamin Nagengast and Rüdiger Mutz had been appointed by the executive committee to check the balances and records related to the balances. They report that the balances and all other documents are in perfect order. The auditors and all members thank Helfried Moosbrugger for his careful job.

11. Elections procedure

Julio Sanchez-Meca was already approved as Election chair at the member's meeting 2008 in Oviedo. He takes over chair and explains the rules for the elections.

12. Elections Results

All candidates have been accepted with no dissentient.

Electing the Chair for the EC Elections 2012

Julio Olea has been elected.

Next Conference

The next Congress 2012 will take place in Santiago de Compostela (Spain).

Other business

New business has not been proposed.