



15th General Assembly of EAPS

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**Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany
Room P1**

EAPS Members only

Minutes (F Billari, M Luy)

1. Opening of the 15th General Assembly of EAPS

Around 70 EAPS members are present. EAPS President Francesco Billari opens the General Assembly at 17:40.

2. Report on EAPS activities

Secretary-General and Treasurer Marc Luy reports on the activities during the last four years, with a special focus on the last two years, as well as on the financial situation of the association.

In agreement with Springer, Stuart Basten (Oxford) and Elwood Carlson (Florida State) have been appointed as Editors of the ESPO book series.

Comments of financial Auditors Ernestina Coast and Trude Lappegard are integrated in this report. Trude Lappegard confirms that the Auditors are satisfied with the accounts and, after receiving the requested clarifications, have approved them.

3. Appointment of new Auditors (2016-2018)

The General Assembly is invited to appoint two members as Auditors to examine the financial records of EAPS (Article 4 of the By-Laws); The Council nominates Ernestina Coast and Trude Lappegard for another term as Auditors to hold office until the 2018 General Assembly.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the nominations.

4. Election of a new Nominating Committee (2016-2018)



The General Assembly is invited to elect a new Nominating Committee consisting of 5 members. The Committee shall put forward a slate of candidates for the 2018 Council elections. The current Council member Zsolt Spéder has been asked to nominate the candidates. He nominates Francesco Billari (Chair), Anna Cabré, Irena Kotowska, Laurent Toulemon, Frans Willekens. All candidates have accepted to be nominated.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the nominations.

5. **Activities under the auspices of EAPS**

Reports are made on progress of several EAPS activities:

- **European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD)**. A short report is given by Heiner Maier, outlining the success of the EDSD in Rome and its future path.
- **Working Group Health, Morbidity and Mortality**. A short report and a presentation are given by Jon Anson, outlining the successful scientific activities of the working group during the last two years and plans for the future.
- **European Journal of Population (EJP)**. A presentation is given by the Editor-in-Chief Helga de Valk, outlining the successful activities of the journal, including a substantial increase in the impact factor

6. **Statement on behalf of the EAPS Advisory Board**

Frans Willekens reports, having chaired the Advisory Board (AB) Meeting, and informing the General Assembly that:

- (1) the AB elected as its New Chair Viviana Egidi (Rome)
- (2) the AB suggests the building of a Working Group on Outreach Activities, also considering a possible award
- (3) the AB does not see an immediate need for a new open access journal of the association, but requests that the Council reflects explicitly on this issue



7. General Discussion

During the General Discussion questions are raised on:

- (1) the EJP (related to the number of downloads, the determinants of the increase in the impact factor, the appearance of the journal cover). The Editor-in-Chief Helga de Valk responds to these questions.
- (2) The ESPO series (related to the costs). Evelien Bakker (Springer) clarifies that, as agreed with the EAPS Council, Springer will bear all the costs related to publication for books in the series.

8. Transfer from the old to the new Council

The President reports on the success of the new election procedure, also thanks to the hard efforts of the Secretary-General and Executive Director. He also thanks EAPS members who accepted to serve as candidates in the election. The new Council was elected by electronic ballot in June 2016 and will hold office for a term of 2 years.

The new Council is composed as follows: Zsolt Spéder (President), Jane Falkingham (Vice-President/President elect), Hill Kulu (Secretary-General and Treasurer), Tomas Sobotka and Helga de Valk (Members).

Francesco Billari formally hands over the Presidency of EAPS to Zsolt Spéder, who takes over as Chair of the General Assembly.

9. Venue of the next European Population Conference

President Zsolt Spéder invites Patrick Deboosere to the podium. Patrick presents the venue and dates of the European Population Conference 2018: Vrije Universiteit Brussels, 6-9 June 2018.

10. Any other business

Honorary President Graziella Caselli proposes to appoint the outgoing President Francesco Billari as Honorary President.



The General Assembly unanimously approves the nomination.

11. Closing of the 15th General Assembly

President Zsolt Spéder closes the General Assembly at 18:40.