

**EUNIS General Assembly
Umea June 12th 2014
Minutes**

The annual meeting of the EUNIS General Assembly took place during the EUNIS 2014 Congress in Umea, Sweden.

1. Welcome and registration of representatives

President Jan Madey took the chair.

2. Approval of the minutes from the last GA meeting in Riga in June 2013

The General Assembly approved unanimously the minutes from Riga in 2013.

3. New members since October 2013 accepted by the Board

The General Assembly approved unanimously the following new applications:

Regular Members (25): University of Zagreb, University of Sheffield, Glasgow Caledonian University, King's College London, Canterbury Christ Church University, University of East Anglia, University of Exeter, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Université Paris-Sud, BI Norwegian Business School, University College Dublin, Tampere University of Technology, ILIRIA College Pristina, University of Limerick, Universidad de Zaragoza, Universität Wien, Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Manchester Metropolitan University, Université de Corse, Graz University of Technology, Birmingham City University, Universitat de Lleida, University of Evora, University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria.

Corporate Member: Instructure Inc, Salt Lake City, USA

4. Reports and future activities

The EUNIS Task Forces reported on their activity and future plans:

Benchmarking: Ilkka Siissalo overviewed on BencheIT activity, which follows with their annual survey to collect the data on the universities IT operations to enable them to benchmark. Thus, the group plans the same kind of meeting as in the previous years based around the survey results. The workshop is to be held in December 2014.

RS3G: Jose Luis Poy presented the current structure of the group which is in process of reorganizing and setting new goals. The group is focused on "Erasmus without Papers" Project (submitted in April 2014). The main objective of the project is to create a network that will enable all the data repositories to communicate with each other and exchange them, what is in line with the Groningen declaration. Additionally this is a low cost solution, simple and reliable. There are already 21 institutions involved and the work groups already started to operate. Among RS3G there are some responsibilities split such as: mobility module connectors (University of Umea), design and implementation of the network (University of Warsaw), data modelling and standardization (University of Oslo).

E-Learning: Gill Ferrell has debriefed on the E-learning TF workshop which was held on 28-29th of April 2014 in Barcelona. Gill has suggested to hold a similar workshop next year as an event just before the Congress in Dundee (as it would make lower the travel costs for the participants).

BI: Elsa Cardoso has outlined the BI TF activities: 2013 BI Maturity Survey, Conference in Paris (March 2014) attended by more than 60 participants, representation at TNC2014 (May 2014), BITF local workshop in Ireland at UCD (May 2014), BI track at the EUNIS Congress (June 2014). Elsa considers more local BITF events in 2014/15 (Spain, Portugal, and Italy). Among the planned BITF activities there are:

- BI Conference in 2015 (2 days at least, central location, one or two days of training, one day presentations)
- Research paper focused on the 2013 BI survey and results from local events
- Joint paper EUNIS BITF & HEDW in 2015

A new working group ERAI - EUNIS Research & Analysis Initiative is proposed (based on the idea of American Educase "ECAR" and aiming to be its European equivalent) was set under the leadership of Johan Bergström. The main goal of ERAI will be to provide a platform where to find this very information and share it. Through ERAI, EUNIS will:

- provide case studies from specific countries
- compare studies between two or several countries
- share contributions coming from Members
- write EUNIS specific articles
- publish and promote surveys and analysis of the working group.

Other activities:

Rectors' Conference 2014 "The New Digital Era in Higher Education" was hosted by University of Helsinki and Aalto University. The aim was to answer on what every rector should know to stay on top of the constant changes both in

technology and in the overall environment: Massive Open On-Line Courses (MOOCs), Cloud technologies, Collaboration requirements to save costs, Competition on resources, Co-operation with enterprises, Expectations of the society in general.

Rectors' Conference 2016: on proposal of the President, it is decided to organize next Rectors' Conference in 2016 in Poland, hosted by the University of Cracow.

Next Congresses:

The 2015 Congress will be hosted by Abertay University in Dundee, Scotland

Michael Turpie and the organizing committee are at a very advanced stage for EUNIS 2015, which will be on June 10th-12th, 2015. There is a comprehensive report on <http://www.eunis.org/organization/internal-documents/>. The Congress website will be hosted on EUNIS website.

As noticed by all GA attendees, Abertay colleagues hold a very cheerful booth in the Congress exhibit area.

The 2016 Congress will be hosted by Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece

The Board meeting in Paris on March 2014 approved the candidature of Aristotle University. The Aristotle University colleagues will make a presentation on the 2016 Congress organization in June 2015 in Dundee.

For the next Congresses (2017 and after) the principle is approved that the Board makes a call for proposals among the regular members, and chooses a candidate.

5. Financial report and budget are given by.

The Treasurer Hans-Dieter Weckmann presented the accounts for the present academic year:

Accounts 01.10.2013 - 03.06.2014	Expense	Income
Membership fees		49731,95
Staff	12936,50	
Support to National Initiatives	1937,07	
Bank & Administrative Expenses	710,86	
Board Meetings	9360,53	
E-Learning Task Force Support	1991,64	1000,00
BI Task Force Support	7637,53	4000,00
Benchmarking task force Support	2159,44	
Exceptional Items : Riga surplus		5765,06
	36733,57	60497,01
Surplus		23763,44

He proposed a budget for the next academic year:

2014-2015 Budget	Expense	Income
Membership fees		55000
Staff	24500	
Support to National Initiatives	10000	
Bank & Administrative Expenses	500	
Board Meetings	8000	
E-Learning Task Force Support	2000	
BI Task Force Support	2000	
Benchmarking task force Support	2000	
R3SG Task Force Support	2000	
Marketing	3000	
Exceptional Items	1000	
	55000	55000

Both reports were unanimously approved.

6. Election of scrutinizers for the election of Board members

Ivan Vrana and Anna Pacholak were elected as scrutinizers.

7. Election of - up to four - new Board members

During the ending academic year, two members of the Board resigned:

- Zigmunds Zitmanis resigned in January 2014 as he left Riga University. In March, the Board coopted Marc Bouchara, Director at AMUE, France, to replace him. The GA has to agree or disagree with this cooptation.
- Arsénio Reis, from UTAD, Portugal, changed his position at UTAD. In a common agreement between UTAD and the Board, he had to be replaced.

Three members of the Board, ending their 3 years service, could candidate for a new mandate, and decided to:

Ramon Grau Sala, Pekka Kähköpuro and Ligia Ribeiro

A new candidate is Uwe Hübner, Director at HIS, Germany.

So, the GA has four candidates (for four seats): Ramon Grau Sala, Pekka Kähköpuro, Ligia Ribeiro and Uwe Hübner.

The GA has also to confirm - or not – the cooptation of Marc Bouchara.

The five persons have presented themselves to the GA.

Each of the members has voted anonymously crossing out those not accepted.

Ramon Grau Sala, Pekka Kähköpuro, Ligia Ribeiro and Uwe Hübner were elected.

Marc Bouchara was approved.

The General Assembly ended after this election (no other issue).