

EACP Board & Regional Representative Meeting, June 10 at 16.30, Vilnius University

Five of seven members of the Board were present, namely:

Jana Rožker, President

Vytis Silius, Vice-President, Regional Representative for Lithuania

Bart Dessein, Secretary, Regional Representative for Belgium

Ralph Weber, Board Member, Regional Representative for Switzerland

Lun Du, Board Member

In addition to the above mentioned Regional Representatives, also **Christian Soffel** (Germany) , **Geir Sigurdsson** (Iceland), **Gad C. Isay** (Israel) and **Tea Sernelj** (Slovenia) were present at the meeting. **Mugur Zlotea**, was also present and was nominated as the future Regional Representative for Romania

Helena Motoh, Treasurer, was excused due to health issues.

1. First we have decided the report on the EACP Conference will be written by the host and organizer Vytis Silius.

2. The 2016 Young Scholar Award winner, and second and third-place will be voted on by the present board members by email until June 11th at 10 a.m. The evaluation of every nominee should be evaluated on the scale of 5, 2 and 1 point respectively and the decision on the winner and follow ups will be published publicly at the conference.

The board thinks that the Young Scholar Award is a success, but Mugur Zlotea also discussed the possibility of a new model of the event held as a forum debate without a sole winner. Vytis Silius touched upon the problem of funding the award. This year the money for the participants was financed or arranged by the university, but the future nominees could just be awarded reimbursement of travel costs; with the remaining funds being given to the reviewers of their articles, which could not have joined their presentations this year due to the lack of funds.

3. The Board has proposed an election model for executive board, following a biannual election, where the organizer of the conference standing as vice-president becomes the next president and the future conference organizer the vice president. Thus, Vytis Silius, the current vice-president will be proposed as the next president to the general assembly, with Ralph Weber as a new vice-presidential candidate.

4. Because of the overlapping of EACP with EACS conference, the board proposed the next conference is held next year instead of in 2018. The board has decided the third EACP conference should be held in the first week of September 2017 at Basel, organized by Ralph Weber. He will also check if there are no large events held at the city during the time, as this would significantly influence the hotel prices. The topic or rather the motto of the next conference will be proposed in the near future.

5. Due to the outstanding circumstances, the biannual conference model will be reinstated in 3 years from now. The conference is proposed to be held in 2019 at Bath, England. The possibility of a joint conference with European Association for Japanese Philosophy was discussed. Geir will contact Sarah Flavel from Bath Spa University to possibly send a representative to our next conference in Basel for future consideration.

6. Due to the interim changes of the next two scheduled conferences and the operational validity of the board only until 2018, the board will have to publicly step down next year in Basel. Extraordinarily the board should be reinstated for one more year until the next general assembly voting at the 2019 conference.

7. We received a letter from the treasurer Helena Motoh. We confirmed that she stays in the position as the association is legally registered in Slovenia. The financial report shows a positive balance sheet and we concluded that also about 700 EUR was collected at the conference in Vilnius. The treasurer will proceed with changing the bank account to a more money conscious Delavska Hranilnica d.d. registered in Slovenia, but even more importantly she will open an electronic Skrill bank account for the sake of more convenient electronic payments. In the past years there have been many reports of members having to pay rather high commission fees for their transactions.

8. The financing plans have been elaborated by the board. Internal financing by the membership fees can always be used, but it is also good to have external options for more operational space. Some examples were given:

- Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation
- Hanban – depends on the region where we ask the organization for funding. Vytis Silius has mentioned some pressures of Hanban in his selections of (keynote) speakers' background at the conference. Ralph Weber thinks Basel's Hanban should be fine with partially funding the next conference.
- We could also ask some national agencies, institutions and forums for financial aid.

9. There have been some issues with membership fee payments and website registration.

Some members have registered but not paid the membership fee, and vice versa. There needs to be a change in the statutes where it currently states the board has to analyze the adequacy of every newly appointed member of the association. The board proposes to the general assembly to change this paragraph of the statutes, so the approval of the board would no longer be needed.

We have also discussed some technical problems of membership. The membership will not be approved until the fee is paid and confirmed by the treasurer. Also after the new member has paid the fee, he must necessarily register online at the EACP website, for his membership to be valid.

Regarding the question of non-member participation at the conferences, we will keep the same model, because it gives us ample room for generating funds for the association.

10. We will present an option of submitting papers presented by the participants of the conference. The

title, abstract and contact info should be submitted by July 1st. Hand in the full article until September 5th. The submitters will be notified of the decision until October 10th and the selected articles will be published in one of the two journals (Asian Studies by University of Ljubljana and Problemos by Vilnius University)

The attendees of the meeting agree to serve as reviewers of the papers and to do their work for free.

11. The institution of Regional Representatives, whose role is to report on the advancements of Chinese Philosophy and advertise the association in their respective regions should be kept intact. Ralph Weber is about to publish an article which will give clearer information on which regions are lacking our presence but have a potential of developing research based on Chinese Philosophy.

The cheapest option of advertising is obviously by electronic means (website based information that is sent to universities by regional representatives) and newsletters (2 are to be published annually; currently Bart Dessen is the one responsible for the job). Up to now we have also published some promotions for conferences connected to the field of Chinese Philosophy on our website. We should establish more links and promote it via website and by other possible means. Also Gad C. Isay will do the promotion of EACP on his trip to Taiwan.

12. We need to notify the general assembly of the following important announcements on 11th June:

- Young Scholar Award winners
- Announcement on the circumstances on the next conferences and the related board issues in 2017
- Publications of papers presented
- Election of proposed board members
- Voting on the board decision to change statutes
- Obligatory membership registration on the website

Report: Matej Zima

EACP President: Jana S. Rošker

General Secretary: Bart Dessen

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Jana S. Rošker, and the bottom signature is for Bart Dessen. The signatures are written over the printed names of the EACP President and General Secretary.

In Vilnius, Lithuania, June 11th 2016