

EACP Online General Assembly
Wednesday, 01 September 2021, 2pm (CEST)
Online, via zoom meeting

Board members present:

Ralph Weber (President), Selusi Ambrogio (Vice President), Christian Soffel (Secretary), Helena Motoh (Treasurer), Joseph Ciaudo, Lisa Indraccolo, Geir Sigurðsson, Maja Kosec, Mercedes Valmisa, Ivana Buljan, Ady Van den Stock.

Board members not present: (none)

Other EACP members present: 9

Total EACP members present: 20

Non-EACP members present: (none)

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

The chairman of the General Assembly, EACP President Ralph Weber, opens the session at 2:03 pm.

The following agenda of the General Assembly is approved unanimously by the present EACP members:

1. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda
2. Report from the President
3. Report from the Treasurer and Report from the Auditor
4. Exoneration of the Treasurer
5. Membership Fee Adjustment
6. EACP Conference 2023
7. EACP Conference 2025
8. EACP Online Conference Winter 2021 (invitation, schedule, etc).
9. Board Elections
10. Miscellaneous

2. Report from the President

The EACP President, Ralph Weber, recapitulates the EACP events that happened since the last EACP conference in Gent (September 2019). Due to the Covid-19 situation, most EACP events took place in various online formats.

The biennial EACP conference in Macerata, originally scheduled for September 2021, was postponed by two years to be held in 2023, in order to avoid a time conflict with conferences from other institutions that would be postponed from 2021 to 2022.

A new EACP website will soon be up for service, and be easier to manage. Already in place is a new system for paying membership fees by PayPal, which is easier to use.

The President thanks Helena Motoh for having served as Treasurer for the EACP for many years, managing financial affairs even since before the EACP officially came into existence.

The President thanks Matej Zima, the current EACP webmaster, for keeping the website and the EACP mailing lists running.

The President thanks Joseph Ciaudo, not only for being a very active board member, but in particular for his help to set up the new website.

3. Report from the Treasurer and Report from the Auditor

The EACP Treasurer, Helena Motoh, explains the general situation of the finances. The EACP account was transferred to another bank; as a result, the e-banking system is now less costly for the association.

Also, recently it has become possible to pay the membership fees via PayPal.

The Treasurer informs the General Assembly, that the Auditor has changed. The Treasurer shares the Auditor's report with the audience of the General Assembly. Since the report is in Slovenian, it is desired by the audience to receive an English translation of the report at some time.

The current balance on the EACP bank account is €2144,07.

Membership fees for 2021 are still coming in.

4. Exoneration of the Treasurer

The General Assembly unanimously votes to exonerate the Treasurer. (19 votes in favor, 1 abstention, 0 dissenting votes).

5. EACP Membership Fee Adjustment

The President informs the General Assembly that the Board has decided to raise the annual membership fee to €30 (standard rate) and €15 (reduced rate for students).

For the sake of clarification, from now on the reduced rate should be available only for those student members, who did not yet receive their PhD degree.

Members, who paid the reduced rate for several years in advance, shall have to provide a certificate of student enrollment every year; otherwise, their paid fees shall be credited towards the standard annual membership rate.

6. EACP Conference 2023

As has been announced before, the EACP Conference 2023 shall take place in Macerata, Italy.

Selusi Ambrogio briefly introduces the location.

7. EACP Conference 2025

The President informs the General Assembly that Geir Sigurðsson is willing to host the 2025 conference in Reykjavík.

Geir Sigurðsson welcome everybody to come to Iceland. He considers a conference in winter time to be more spectacular than during the summer. The exact date of the 2025 conference should be discussed by the new Board.

The President thanks Geir Sigurðsson for his willingness to organize the conference.

For conferences held after 2027, the new EACP Board shall discuss new ways to decide on the locations.

9. EACP Online Conference Winter 2021

Mercedes Valmisa informs the General Assembly that an EACP Online Conference will be held on 01 December 2021. The Call for Papers would be distributed very soon. It is hoped that this event will attract new members.

The title of this conference would be "Chinese Philosophy: Paths between Convergence and Divergence"

8. Board Elections

The President explains the online voting system that has been tested before by the EACP Board.

The following valid nominations have been received for the upcoming Board elections:

Nominations for President of the EACP:

1. Selusi Ambrogio, University of Macerata, Italy

Nominations for Vice President of the EACP:

1. Geir Sigurðsson, University of Iceland, Iceland

Nominations for Board Members of the EACP:

1. Federico Brusadelli, University of Naples 'L'Orientale', Italy
2. Lisa Indraccolo, Tallinn University, Estonia
3. Maja Kosec, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (willing to serve as Treasurer)
4. Philippe Major, University of Basel, Switzerland
5. Dawid Rogacz, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland
6. Christian Soffel, University of Trier, Germany (willing to serve as Secretary)
7. Mercedes Valmisa, Gettysburg College, USA
8. Ady Van den Stock, Ghent University, Belgium
9. Matej Zima, Independant Scholar

All candidates introduce themselves briefly.

The Board recommends electing a total number of 9 positions on the Board: one President, one Vice President, and seven additional Board members. There reasons are: (1) A still larger Board might not well reflect the rather limited size of the EACP. (2) There should be some democratic process involved upon voting; not all candidates should receive their posts automatically. (3) The Board should have an odd amount of members, to avoid stalemate situations upon voting during Board meetings.

The General Assembly agrees with these arguments.

The vote then takes place.

For the President, there are 19 votes in favour of Selusi Ambrogio, 1 dissenting vote. Selusi Ambrogio is hereby elected to be the President of the EACP in the upcoming term (2021–2023). Selusi Ambrogio accepts the vote.

For the Vice President, there are 19 votes in favour of Geir Sigurðsson, no dissenting vote. Geir Sigurðsson is hereby elected to be the Vice President of the EACP in the upcoming term (2021–2023). Geir Sigurðsson accepts the vote.

For the remaining EACP Board members, there is a vote en bloc. The numbers of votes in favor of the candidates are shown in the following list:

- Federico Brusadelli (20)
- Lisa Indraccolo (17)
- Maja Kosec (20)
- Philippe Major (13)
- Dawid Rogacz (16)
- Christian Soffel (20)
- Mercedes Valmisa (18)
- Ady Van den Stock (19)
- Matej Zima (2)

Thus, the following seven members are voted as additional Board members:

- Federico Brusadelli
- Lisa Indraccolo
- Maja Kosec
- Dawid Rogacz
- Christian Soffel
- Mercedes Valmisa
- Ady Van den Stock

The candidates accept the vote.

10. Miscellaneous

It was requested by the General Audience to get financial reports and the balance sheet from the Treasurer in English language in the future.

Dawid Rogacz proposes Poznań as possible location for the EACP conference in 2027.

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The chairman concludes the session at 3:02 pm.

Ralph Weber (EACP President)

Christian Soffel (EACP Secretary)