

European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE)

Minutes of the 2020 EARIE General Assembly

Saturday, August 29, 2020 | 16:15-16:30 CEST

The 2020 General Assembly (GA) of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) was held online on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 16:15 (via the Zoom internet platform). EARIE President John Vickers chaired the GA; approximately 100 delegates / EARIE members were present, including many EARIE Executive Committee members (directors and officers).

The President called the meeting to order at 16:15 (immediately following the Presidential Address) by welcoming the EARIE delegates and members attending the 47th EARIE Annual Conference being held online, courtesy of the Bologna team in Italy – and thanking those present at the 2020 EARIE General Assembly for their participation in this important annual EARIE business meeting.

NOTE: The EARIE General Assembly slides (as well as most EARIE Executive Committee reports) are available to members via the EARIE Secretariat, upon request. The Minutes of recent EARIE GAs are available on the EARIE website (www.earie.org) under the Community & Governance tab.

AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the last EARIE General Assembly (Barcelona)
- 2. Approval of the EARIE Accounts 2019
- 3. Membership Situation
- 4. Nominations & Elections
- 5. EARIE Annual Conferences
- 6. Any Other Business

President Vickers reviewed the proposed General Assembly Agenda (which had been duly circulated via e-mail to the current EARIE membership, as per the Statutes) and asked whether there were any updates or additions to be made; no remarks to this effect were raised.

The 2020 EARIE General Assembly Agenda was approved.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the last EARIE General Assembly held in Barcelona, Spain – August 31, 2019

The President asked if there were any comments or final revisions to be made to the 2019 General Assembly Minutes. (The link to this document had been circulated via e-mail to the current EARIE membership along with the GA announcement.) No remarks were raised.

The Minutes of the last EARIE General Assembly were unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the Accounts 2019

The 2019 Accounts (which had been duly circulated to the EARIE membership prior to the GA) were summarised by President Vickers as he went over the Income & Expenditures and the Balance Sheet for the calendar year 2019, noting the improved situation since Athens 2018.

The President asked if there were any questions regarding the EARIE Accounts. No questions were raised; the President thus put forward a motion to the GA to approve the 2019 Accounts.

The 2019 EARIE Accounts were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

3. Membership Situation

The President reviewed the EARIE membership figures over the past decade:

Total #	members per calendar year	Top 10 countries in 2020
		1. Germany (79)
2020	→ 533 members (to date)	2. United States (62)
2019	→ 461 members	3. France (56)
2018	→ 414 members	4. Japan (46)
2017	→ 422 members	5. United Kingdom (45)
2016	→ 430 members	6. Spain (39)
2015	→ 472 members	7. Italy (38)
2014	→ 446 members	8. Canada (17)
2013	→ 551 members	9. Netherlands (17)
		10. Belgium (16)

NOTE: The EARIE membership statistics by country are based on the residency / professional affiliations of EARIE members (as per their contact profiles) which does not necessarily reflect their nationalities or countries of origin.

While he was pleased to note the increase in membership over the past two years (thanks to the excellent conferences held in Athens in 2018 and Barcelona in 2019), the President took this opportunity to remind those at the GA that EARIE membership dues for the following year are usually collected along with the conference registration fees. However, this trend will not last since (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) the limited EARIE 2020 Online conference is being offered free-of-charge via Bologna, so to ensure the numbers do not go down drastically, he encouraged the GA to kindly apply for or renew their annual membership for 2021 online via the EARIE website (www.earie.org/membership) – thanking EARIE members in advance for their understanding and ongoing loyalty.

4. Nominations & Elections

President Vickers reviewed the constituency of the current EARIE Executive Committee – thanking all those serving as Officers and Directors for their helpful insights and invaluable contributions towards the good governance of the Association, for which he is most grateful.

EARIE OFFICERS

- > President (2018-2020):
 - John VICKERS All Souls College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- **▶ President-Elect** (2019-2020):
 - Massimo MOTTA ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra | Barcelona GSE, Spain
- **Executive Secretary** (ex-officio):
 - Ene KANNEL European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM)

EARIE DIRECTORS

- > The 19 **Directors** currently serving on the EARIE Executive Committee are:
 - Reiko AOKI Japan Fair Trade Commission, Japan
 - Mark ARMSTRONG University of Oxford, UK
 - Roberto BURGUET University of Central Florida, USA
 - Giacomo CALZOLARI European University Institute, Italy | CEPR London, UK
 - Ramon CAMINAL Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica (CSIC) | Barcelona GSE, Spain
 - Jan DE LOECKER KU Leuven, Belgium
 - Mikhail DRUGOV New Economic School, Moscow, Russia
 - Chiara FUMAGALLI Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
 - Alessandro GAVAZZA London School of Economics (LSE), UK
 - David GENESOVE Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
 - Paul HEIDHUES Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics, Germany
 - Steffen HOERNIG Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal
 - Elisabetta IOSSA Università di Roma Tor Vergata, Italy
 - Bruno JULLIEN Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), France
 - Tobias KRETSCHMER Munich Ludwig-Maximilians University (LMU), Germany
 - Kai-Uwe KÜHN University of East Anglia (UEA), School of Economics, UK
 - Volker NOCKE UCLA, USA | University of Mannheim, Germany
 - Lars PERSSON Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Sweden
 - Michelle SOVINSKY University of Mannheim, Germany

EARIE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-2021

Moving forward, the 2020-21 EARIE Executive Committee does not require any term renewals. However, after serving the Association for six consecutive years on the Executive Committee, four EARIE Directors are stepping down as their second 3-year term (2017-2020) ends today. With many thanks from EARIE, we acknowledge their collective service and wish farewell to:

- Reiko AOKI Japan Fair Trade Commission, Japan
- Roberto BURGUET University of Central Florida, USA
- Mikhail DRUGOV New Economic School, Moscow, Russia
- Alessandro GAVAZZA London School of Economics (LSE), UK

Earlier this year, the EARIE President approached the following individuals to serve as **EARIE Directors** for the 3-year term (2020-2023), renewable once for a second consecutive term. All four nominees have accepted to serve in this capacity, so their nominations as Directors were tabled at the last EARIE Executive Committee meeting (held July 2, 2020) and were unanimously approved – pending the formal ratification of the EARIE General Assembly:

- Albert BANAL-ESTANOL Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
- Özlem BEDRE DEFOLIE ESMT Berlin, Germany
- Leslie MARX Duke University, USA
- Nikos VETTAS Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Greece

The above four nominations were formally ratified by the EARIE General Assembly.

Outgoing EARIE President John Vickers welcomed the incoming **EARIE President**, reminding EARIE members that last year's General Assembly had formally ratified the nomination of the next EARIE President (2020-2022) – who (as per the EARIE Statutes) has now finished serving for one year on the EARIE Executive Committee as EARIE President-Elect (2019-2020):

Massimo MOTTA – ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra | Barcelona GSE, Spain

The General Assembly ratified the election of Massimo Motta as EARIE President.

Although the 2020 EARIE General Assembly marks the end of term for current EARIE President **John VICKERS** (University of Oxford, UK) who has completed his official presidential mandate – he continues to serve on the EARIE Executive Committee for one more year (2020-2021) in the role of **EARIE Past President**. (As per the Statutes, this ensures a smooth transition and continuity for the Association. It is hoped that John will continue to participate in an advisory capacity for many years to come, as is the ongoing tradition for many EARIE Past Presidents.)

5. EARIE Annual Conferences

EARIE 2020 BOLOGNA (ONLINE) - 47TH EARIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

President Vickers reminded the GA that, due to the unforeseen coronavirus pandemic, it had regrettably been decided by the EARIE governance to cancel its Annual Conference in Bologna this year – so the conference cycle was halted and the papers that had been submitted by the mid-March deadline were therefore not allocated to reviewers. However, Scientific Committee (SC) Chair **Leslie Marx** along with Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Chair **Luca Lambertini** nevertheless agreed to organize an online version of EARIE 2020, featuring a limited scientific program of plenary and invited sessions with notable speakers spread over three days (15:00-18:00 CEST). As on August 27th there are over 400 registered delegates, including speakers and moderators, participating in EARIE 2020 Online free of charge. The online presentations are being recorded and will be made available on the YouTube channel of the Department of Economics of the University of Bologna post conference.

The President officially thanked Luca Lambertini and the entire EARIE 2020 Bologna LOC for their organization of the special edition of the **47**th **EARIE Annual Conference** to take place online, **August 28-30**, **2020**, via the University of Bologna Zoom platform – and in particular the logistical support of Giulia Vencato (Meneghini e Associati, Italy) and her support team for coordinating the online aspects. He congratulated SC Chair, Leslie Marx (Duke University), and SC Vice-Chair Simon Loertscher (University of Melbourne), for having put together an excellent program despite the circumstances – as well as the invited speakers for agreeing to make their presentations online. He also acknowledged the sponsorship of: RBB Economics (global sponsor), Google, Compass Lexecon, and E.CA Economics. President Vickers warmly thanked EARIE members for their ongoing loyalty and support of the EARIE 2020 Online event.

EARIE 2021 BERGEN - 48TH EARIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The President announced that the **48th EARIE Annual Conference** will be held from Friday to Sunday, **August 27-29, 2021**, in Bergen, Norway. The co-organizers are the NHH Norwegian School of Economics and the University of Bergen – with the NHH campus as the main venue. The NHH Norwegian School of Economics is an independent, public business school established in 1917, located at its own campus 5 km. north of the Bergen city centre. NHH provides an excellent setting for EARIE members to meet and collaborate at an international conference.

EARIE has appointed **Elisabetta Iossa** (Università di Roma Tor Vergata) as the 2021 Scientific Committee Chair. The LOC Chair is **Øivind Nilsen** (NHH Norwegian School of Economics). The President showed a few slides of the EARIE 2021 Bergen website (<u>earie2021.earie.org</u>) – encouraging colleagues to visit the website and watch the two videos for a preview of Bergen and an introduction to next year's EARIE Annual Conference. Paper submission will open on February 1, 2021 and close on March 15, 2021. Contact e-mail: <u>earie2021@nhh.no</u>.

6. Any Other Business

The President asked if there were any questions – none were raised. He thanked those at the 2020 General Assembly for their kind attention, and the Bologna team for hosting EARIE 2020 – noting that the second half of the online conference was coming up. He is looking forward to EARIE 2021 in Bergen, Norway, and hopes to meet many EARIE associates there next year.

The 2020 EARIE General Assembly (held online via Bologna) was officially adjourned at 16:27 CEST.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020 Agenda Approval of the Minutes of the last EARIE General Assembly Approval of the EARIE Accounts 2019 **Membership Situation** Nominations & Elections **EARIE Annual Conferences Any Other Business** EARIE General Assembly - August 2020 - virtually via Bologna

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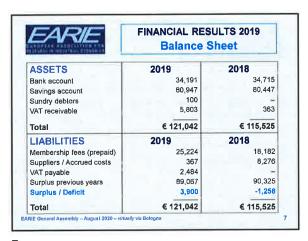


■ EARIE Accounts 2019... EARIE General Assembly – August 2020 – virtually via Bologna

NCOME	2019	2018
Membership fees	19,050	13,686
YEEAs / sponsorships	-	-
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Total	€ 19,050	€ 13,686

FINANCIAL RESULTS 2019 Income & Expenditures **EXPENDITURES** 2019 2018 EARIE Secretariat (EIASM) 12,473 Accountant / Auditor 1,560 987 Conferences / Meetings 527 943 Administrative costs 407 605 Tax for non-profit orgs 142 140 Bank / BCC costs Total € 15,150 € 14,944 Surplus / Deficit -1,258 EARIE General Assembly - August 2020 - virtually via Bologna

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EARIE Directors (2/2)...

David GENESOVE – Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Paul HEIDHUES – Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics, Germany
Steffen HOERNIG – Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal
Elisabetta IOSSA – Università di Roma Tor Vergata, Italy
Bruno JULLIEN – Toulouse School of Economics, France
Tobias KRETSCHMER – Munich Ludwig-Maximilians University, Germany
Kai-Uwe KÜHN – University of East Anglia (UEA), School of Economics, UK
Volker NOCKE – UCLA, USA | University of Mannheim, Germany
Lars PERSSON – Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Sweden
Michelle SOVINSKY – University of Mannheim, Germany



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-2021

Welcome to incoming EARIE Directors...

The following 4 EARIE Directors whose nominations by the President have been duly approved by the Executive Committee – pending the formal ratification of the General Assembly – have all accepted to serve a (first) 3-year term on the Executive Committee (2020-2023):

Albert BANAL-ESTANOL – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

Özlem BEDRE DEFOLIE – ESMT Berlin, Germany

Leslie MARX – Duke University, USA

Nikos VETTAS – Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Greece



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2020-2021

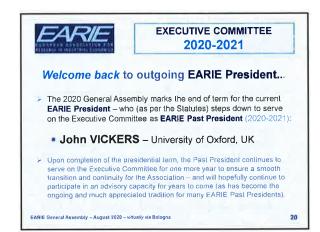
Welcome to incoming EARIE President...

The EARIE members at the last General Assembly formally ratified the nomination of the next EARIE President (2020-2022) – who (as per the EARIE Statutes) has just served for one year on the EARIE Executive Committee as EARIE President-Elect (2019-2020):

Massimo MOTTA – ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra | Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Nominated to succeed President John Vickers upon completion of his term







EARIE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020

Due to the unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic, it was regrettably decided by the EARIE governance to cancel its Annual Conference in Bologna this year. The Bologna team nonetheless kindly agreed to organize an online version of EARIE 2020 – featuring a limited scientific program of plenary and invited sessions with notable speakers:

EARIE Presidential Address

2 Plenaries

12 Invited Lectures

There are more than 400 registered participants (as on August 27th), including speakers and moderators, who are attending EARIE 2020 Online free of charge. We thank you for your ongoing loyalty and support!

EARIE 2020 Online presentations are being recorded and will be made available on the YouTube channel of the Department of Economics of the University of Bologna.

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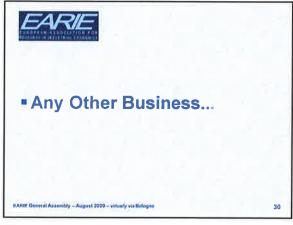






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