

**9th EALTA Annual General Meeting**  
**held at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, on Saturday 2nd June 2012 at 16:00**

**Present:** Conference participants who are Individual and Associate members of EALTA – European Association for Language Testing and Assessment.

**Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes from the 2011 AGM
2. President's report on EALTA activities and progress in 2011
3. Membership Committee report
4. Presentation of EALTA accounts for 2011
5. Appointment of the auditor for 2012
6. Elections of officers (EALTA Secretary and EALTA Treasurer)
7. Appointment of a nomination group for the 2013 elections (EALTA President and Chair of the Membership Committee)
8. Reports from task groups focusing on:
  - a. Membership issues
  - b. Policy issues
9. Report on plans for the EALTA Summer School 2012
10. 2013 Conference venue and dates
11. Date of the next Annual General Meeting
12. AOB

The meeting was called to order by John H.A.L. De Jong (JdJ), President of EALTA.

**1. Approval of minutes from the 2011 AGM**

Since no changes or clarifications were requested, the minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2011 were approved.

**2-4. President's and Executive Committee's report on EALTA activities and progress in 2011**

- JDJ commented on the 2012 conference, attended by more than 250 people, and thanked Carol Spoettl and her team at the University of Innsbruck for excellent preparation and hosting of the event. He also expressed EALTA's gratitude to the sponsors for their support. Moreover, JdJ acknowledged the generous contributions of the pre-conference workshop leaders, the three invited keynote speakers and the SIG leaders.
- JdJ reported on a high number of proposals for the 2012 conference. In order to accommodate a greater number of presentations the conference programme was slightly different from previous conferences.
- 2011 was again a very active year for EALTA. Members of the Executive Committee took part in two conferences at the ECML in Graz. The first one in October on 'Empowering Language Professionals' the second one in February on the NGO's Professional Network Forum on Language Education. During 2011 several SIG meetings were organised and there have been additions to resources available to the EALTA website. The President thanked all those who participated in the activities and made their materials/resources available.  
Further information and materials to be found on the EALTA website/Resources, <http://www.ealta.eu.org/resources.htm#Events>)
- The Chair of the Membership Committee Angela Hasselgreen reported that between the 2011 and 2012 Annual General Meetings the EALTA Membership Committee received 2

applications for Expert Membership which had been approved. Concerning Institutional Membership, there were 9 applications, of which 7 were successful.

The EALTA membership numbers at the time of the conference were the following.

Individual members: 1 639 / 41 countries

Associate members: 201 / 41 countries

Expert members: 18 / 7 countries

Institutional members: 58 / 21 countries

As compared to last year's numbers, this means an increase of 315 Individual, 40 Associate, 2 Expert and 3 Institutional members.

- EALTA's Treasurer Tony Green (TG) reported on the EALTA accounts for 2011 (balance sheet included in the AGM papers, verified by the 2011 EALTA Auditor, Monica Barni). There was some discussion about what would be the best use of the funds sitting on the EALTA account. Past conference organisers backed the President's view that we need to keep a safety net for the organisation of the annual conference. The accounts were approved by the AGM.

#### **5. Appointment of the auditor for 2012**

The meeting approved the appointment of Carol Spoettl as the auditor for 2012. JDJ thanked Carol for accepting the task.

#### **6. Election of Officers (EALTA Secretary and EALTA Treasurer)**

The President reported that the Nomination Committee (Norman Verhelst Chair, Eli Moe & Peter Holt) had only received two nominations as of the 21st of May.

Barbara Blair has nominated Anthony Green for the post of Treasurer.

The nomination was seconded by Bente Barsnes.

Monica Barni has nominated Claudia Beccheroni for the post of Secretary.

The nomination was seconded by Carla Bagna and Sabrina Machetti.

Both candidates had accepted the nomination.

The President thanked Gudrun Erickson for her outstanding performance and commitment as EALTA Secretary. The whole AGM gave Gudrun a big round of applause.

#### **7. Appointment of a nomination group**

A Nomination Group was appointed to prepare for the 2013 elections (EALTA President and EALTA Chair of Membership Committee). The group will be chaired by Dina Tsagari, other members are Carol Spoettl, Benjamin Kremmel). The group will contact the membership in good time before the elections that will take place during the 2013 AGM.

#### **8. Reports from task groups**

During the 2011 AGM Sauli Takala (ST) and Neus Figuera (NF) were asked to chair two groups to look at membership issues and policy issues respectively.

Both Chairs presented a brief report with recommendation for the work to be continued so that decisions can be taken in the 2013 AGM. ST and NF were given mandate to continue the work on the basis of their recommendations.

#### **9. Report on plans for the EALTA Summer School 2012**

The Summer school will be held at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden from 6 to 10 August. The Theme will be Good Practice in Language Testing and Assessment:

a Psychometric Perspective

The President thanked all tutors and organisers for their availability and commitment.

#### **10. 2013 Conference venue and dates**

The 2013 EALTA Conference will take place on 23-26 in Istanbul, Turkey, with pre-conference activities scheduled for 21-23 May and a welcome reception for the evening of Thursday 23 May. The conference venue will be the Harbiye Military Museum organised by Peter Holt and Zeynep Urku from Sabancı University, Istanbul. Further information about the conference will be given in due course, via the EALTA website and electronic membership list.

JDJ encouraged proposals to the Executive Committee for future conference venues and organisation.

#### **11. Date of the next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM will be held during the 2013 EALTA conference at Harbiye Military Museum, Istanbul, Turkey on Saturday 25 May.

#### **12 . AOB**

There was no other business raised.

#### **13 Closing of the AGM**

Before the closing of the AGM, the Executive Committee and the participants at the meeting expressed their gratitude to Carol Spoettl and her team for the organisation of the 2011 Conference and Gudrun Erickson for her work for EALTA.

Between the 2012 and 2013 AGMs, the EALTA Executive Committee will have the following members:

John de Jong – *President*

Claudia Beccheroni – *Secretary*

Tony Green – *Treasurer*

Angela Hasselgreen – *Chair of the Membership Committee*

Carol Spoettl – *2012 Conference organiser representative*

Peter Holt-*2013 Conference organiser representative*