

# **EALTA Annual General Meeting 2021**

**Friday 4 June 2021, 16.45-17.45**

**Webinar**

**Attendance: 40**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of agenda and the minutes** from the 2020 AGM (Appendix A) and the 2021 Special General Meeting (Appendix B)

### **EALTA members vote on the agenda:**

Yes: 33

No: 0

Astain: 2

### **EALTA members vote on the AGM 2020 minutes:**

Yes: 31

No: 0

Abstain: 4

### **EALTA members vote on the SGM 2021 minutes:**

Yes: 31

No: 0

Abstain: 4

## **2. Reports on EALTA activities since the last AGM including:**

- a. Activities and events:** EALTA / UKALTA funded event on CEFR Companion Volume; EALTA-funded workshops: Cuba workshop postponed to October 2021, Ukraine workshop to take place in 2022, Kick-off conference to found a Language Assessment Association of the German-speaking countries Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Austria is also postponed till later in 2022

- b. **SIGs:** CBLA, and Academic and Writing meetings on June 3; CEFR meeting on May 28; Speaking meeting later in July; Migration meeting June 25; Signed language meeting later in Autumn 2021. Migration SIG needs a convenor, Peter Lenz will circulate an invitation.
- c. **Committee for Conference Organization:** EALTA 2021 originally planned as F2F, so it had to be remodelled into online; lunchtime sessions and workshops postponed to 2022
- d. **Membership:** a number of applications for institutional membership involved an increased workload; now more associate members from Africa; increase in individual members from Hungary and drop in individual members from Finland.
- e. **Finances** (Appendix C): Euro account has not changed; operational account in GBP looks low on opening, not much expenditure but sponsorship was provided for funded events; Executive Committee costs include the Budapest site visit; Special projects include work on charity status
- f. **Registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO):** Constitution has been revised in line with the requirements; Jamie Dunlea to meet the law firm on June 7; registration as an Incorporated Charitable Organization is expected to be completed in the Autumn; elections next year, possible changes in the Executive Committee can then be arranged

Claudia Harsch thanks the Executive Committee for the work on the finances and the charity status

Norman Verhelst asks for immediate feedback following the Treasurer's meeting with the law firm given that registration is a major achievement

**EALTA members vote on the approval of the financial accounts**

Yes: 94%  
 No: 0%  
 Abstain: 6%

**3. Communications strategy**

- a. EALTA website and resources: Martina reports on progress; new website will contain materials from this year's conference; an external assistant helps with identifying potentially copyrighted material, in case of doubt material goes to the password protected area; Martina then shows images of the new website; subscription for a

Youtube premium channel means keynote presentations and webinars are available there

Norman Verhelst asks Martina if the 7\$ per month means that the number of visits to the videos can be recorded so that data can be collected; Martina promises to regularly update the membership about visits to the videos

- b. Webinars: Richard Spiby reports on activities, the past year was not particularly effervescent so Richard encourages members to step forward if they wish to run a webinar

#### **4. Appointment of the auditor for 2021 (AGM 2022)**

##### **EALTA members vote on appointing Gudrun Erickson auditor for 2021**

Yes 91%

No 0%

Abstain 9%

#### **5. Presentation of the 2021 British Council International Assessment Award**

The award goes to Thomas Eckes. Barry O’Sullivan presents the award praising Thomas Eckes’s expertise in psychometrics. He says, “Thomas Eckes is well-known for his knowledgeable advice not only in his own institution, but he also enthusiastically mentors and supports emerging researchers in the field of language testing around the world. Colleagues appreciate his informative, comprehensible presentations at workshops and international conferences, like for example his well-attended workshop at the EALTA conference in 2018. Thomas is an outstanding psychometrician working in the field of language testing and assessment, who has contributed greatly to advancing our field, who is respected for his sound and rigorous work, and who is always willing to share his expertise”.

#### **6. Upcoming EALTA Conferences**

2022: Budapest (May 31-June 5) – more information on conference theme to come late Summer early Autumn

2023: Helsinki (target dates are June 13-18)

#### **7. Venue and date of the next AGM: likely June 4, 2022**

8. **AOB:** none

Appendices: Appendix A: Minutes AGM 2020

Appendix B: Minutes SGM 2021

Appendix C: Finances 2020