

## **General Assembly of the European Anthropological Association**

Research Institute and Museum of Anthropology, Lomonosov Moscow State University,  
Moscow, Russia, August 29<sup>th</sup> 11 am

### ***1. Professor Rebato welcomed everyone to the meeting.***

***2. Apologies were received from:*** P. Bennike, P. Blaha, J. Boldsen, N. Cameron, B. Chiarelli, H. Danker-Hopfe, R. Hoppa, R. Hauspie, R. Jankauskas, H. Kaarma, R. Malina, M-F. Rolland Cachera, I. Salivon, D. Sivakova, C. Susanne, A-M. Tillier, J. Tutkuvieni

### ***3. Report of the President***

The President, Prof. Esther Rebato, reported her work between 2012 and 2014. She considered the legalisation of EAA as the most important duty of the Board and the Council in the last two years. Therefore she initiated debates by involving first the Board members to find good solutions to these very serious problems. It seemed to be practical to manage together the legalization initiation and the opening process of a new EAA account in Greece for the future activity of the General Treasurer. Nobody thought that these two affairs could not be solved during the last two years. Without an operating General Treasurer Esther Rebato continued her treasurer work as well, registered the payments and managed the legal EAA account in Spain. She presented the invoices of this bank account to demonstrate that this EAA account still existed and is been legal, since she had received a letter questioning the existence of the account from Nickos Poulianos, the official General Treasurer just before the Congress. She thanked all the supporting emails and comments of the Council members that she got after this very strange dispute in August.

### ***4. Report of the General-Secretary***

Unfortunately Dr Zsakai had returned to Hungary and her report was read by Professor Mascie-Taylor

#### *Membership*

Due to the General-Treasurer change and the uncertain situation around the EAA bank account many former members were waiting for a new account number and information on where and how to pay their membership fee(s). At the end of December 2013 the Association had only 103 good-standing members (who had paid their fees at least till 2013). With the help of Professor Rebato we were able to contact and persuade more than 200 colleagues to transfer their 2013 and/or 2014 fees and altogether 340 members had the right to vote.

#### *Voting for Council*

Because of the very high postal cost of Council elections, an electronic voting was suggested at the 2012 Assembly meeting in Ankara. Since the update of the members' email addresses was finished, it was possible to organise electronic (online) voting. The General-Secretary undertook this and the voting site was open from the 4th June and the elections were closed on 25<sup>th</sup> June. The efficiency of this electronic voting system was very similar to the postal system and in total 110 members voted. On the basis of the voting results 31 members were asked to acknowledge being an EAA Council member for 2014–2016, and 30 members accepted this invitation.

### List of EAA Council members (2014-2016)

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#### *Voting for the Board*

The Council members were asked to state if they wish to be a candidate for a position on the new EAA Board by indicating which position they wished to apply for, and what kind of service they could offer as a Board member. The voting bulletin for EAA Board election was finalized on the basis of the Council members' replies on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, and the voting bulletin was immediately sent to all Council (2014–2016) members. The voting was conducted by post and the EAA thanks Professor Maruscka Vidovic for agreeing to be the recipient of the postal votes and for bringing them with her to Russia. The new Board was announced later in meeting (item 10).

The Assembly warmly thanked Dr Zsakai for her continuing stewardship of EAA affairs.

#### **5. Report of the General-Treasurer**

Esther Rebato presented a detailed report of the EAA financial affairs, although she stepped down as General Treasurer in 2014. During the meeting, the Council members got the tables of EAA balance per year from 2012. The Council was asked whether the members accept the report of the General Treasurer. The Council accepted the balances without any comment. Two Council members were asked to check the financial report in details and sign it to express that the complete report was accepted by the Council.

Esther Rebato pronounced that the not completed processes of (1) bank account change (closing in Spain and opening in Greece) and (2) the EAA registration did not mean that

the management of the account (registration of the incoming and outgoing payments, etc.) should have not continued by the General Treasurer. Without her work the financial management of the EAA would have been blocked from 2012. The Council members expressed their thanks to Ester Rebato for her enormous extra work as the manager of the financial affairs.

The accounts were audited and approved by two Council members, Professor Eugene Kobylansky and Professor Nick Mascie-Taylor

## **6. Report on the Website**

### *Updating the EAA website*

The General-Secretary has done her best to update the website but EAA members have not been sending her information. Consequently she tried to collect information from the internet on forthcoming meetings, new anthropological books, defence of PhD theses, etc. to give as wide-ranging information as possible in our research fields. But all this information was impersonal.

### *Request*

The General-Secretary is requesting for the help of EAA members, Council and Board members to provide her with information so that she can fill out the EAA website with news from their countries, universities, institutes, etc.

There is a page at the EAA website where we can announce the summary of new PhD theses. Please send her a short summary of your students' PhD theses, since this site could be a very useful source of information on our students' and our research teams' work and progress.

### *Membership details*

The EAA members' data update helped the General-Secretary to present the correct and actual data of the members on the EAA website. But updating should be done continuously, so the General-Secretary is asking all members of the Association to inform her if their personal information (e.g. department, address, email address etc.) has changed so that she can provide an up-to-date and accurate EAA database as well as on the website.

## **7. New Statutes and regulations**

The new statutes and regulations were approved. The main changes were (a) clarification of the three categories of EAA membership. Members in good-standing were those who were up-to-date with their EAA dues. Student membership had to renewed annually and required proof from a member of the teaching staff; the age restriction and length of time restrictions were removed (b) election to the Council and Board will be by secret electronic ballot (the new President agreed to provide members with full details of the electronic voting system) (c) a council member can only apply for one Board position (d) award to the best student posters (up to three) will be independent of subject area (e) details of duties of Board members has been added.

It was agreed that although the General-Secretary will be responsible for sending out voting details for election to the Board, the counting of votes would be undertaken by two council members who were not seeking Board positions. The General-Secretary and adjunct-secretary will be responsible for counting the Council membership votes.

## **8. Presentation of the 2016 Congress (Zagreb, Croatia)**

Dr Sasa Missoni provided the Assembly with an overview of the plans for the 2016 meeting as well as a short video about Zagreb and its environs. He was warmly thanked for his presentation.

**9. Congress in 2018**

The 2018 Congress will take place in Odense, Denmark from 22-25 August 2018 under the auspices of Professor Jesper Boldsen

**10. Presentation of the new Board serve from 2014-2016**

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Position	Name
President	Professor Nick Mascie-Taylor
Past President	Professor Esther Rebato
Vice-Presidents	Professors Noël Cameron, Professor Erksin Güleç and Professor Michael Hermanussen
General-Secretary	Dr Annamaria Zsakai
General-Treasurer	-
Adjunct-Secretary	Professor Maria Kaczmarek
Adjunct-Treasurer	-

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**11. Any other business**

Professor Rudan announced the establishment of a new Association to be called. Professor Poulianos asked the Board to look into the relationship between the number of votes obtained in Council membership and membership of the Board.

*from Prof. Nicholas Mascie-Taylor*