

**Minutes of the Founding Meeting of the
European Association of Methodology (EAM) in Frankfurt/M., February 27, 2004**

The following persons attended the meeting which started at 15:00, 27.02.2004, University of Frankfurt, Seantssaal, Merton Strasse 17, Frankfurt/M, Germany

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| 1. | Blahus, Petr | PhDr, DrSc,
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Department of Kinanthropology
Charles University Prague |
| 2. | Buško, Vesna | Dr. sc. | Department of Psychology, Faculty of
Philosophy, University of Zagreb |
| 3. | Chacón-Moscoso,
Salvador | Dr. | University of Seville
Faculty of Psychology
Department of Experimental Psychology |
| 4. | Eid, Michael | Prof. Dr. | Department of Psychology, University of
Geneva |
| 5. | Engel, Uwe | Prof. Dr. | Universitaet Bremen, EMPAS Institut fuer
empirische und angewandte Soziologie |
| 6. | Ferligoj, Anuska | Prof. Dr. | University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social
Sciences |
| 7. | Hartig, Johannes | Dr. | Deutsches Institut für Internationale
Pädagogische Forschung (DIPF), Frankfurt |
| 8. | Hesse, Hermann | Dr. | Deutsches Institut für Internationale
Pädagogische Forschung (DIPF), Frankfurt |
| 9. | Holgado Tello,
Francisco Pablo | Dr. | Dpto. Metodología de las CC. del
Comportamento, Facultad de Psicología.
UNED, Madrid |
| 10. | Holling, Heinz | Prof. Dr. | Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Psychologisches Institut IV, Münster |
| 11. | Hox, Joop | Prof. Dr. | Utrecht University, Dept. of Methodology
and Statistics, Utrecht |
| 12. | Jude, Nina | Dipl.-Psych. | Deutsches Institut für Internationale
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| 13. | Kischka, Peter | Prof. Dr. | Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena,
Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät,
Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialstatistik,
Jena |
| 14. | Klieme, Eckhard | Prof. Dr. | Deutsches Institut für Internationale
Pädagogische Forschung (DIPF), Frankfurt |
| 15. | Kuha, Jouni | Prof. Dr. | Department of Statistics, London School of
Economics, London |
| 16. | Moosbrugger, Helfried | Prof. Dr. | Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität
Institut für Psychologie, Frankfurt |
| 17. | Müller, Hans | Dr. | Fachgebiet Psychologie, Universität Erfurt |
| 18. | Muñiz, José | Prof. Dr. | University of Oviedo, Department of
Psychology, Oviedo |
| 19. | Oud, Han | Dr. | University of Nijmegen, Department of
Special Education, Nijmegen |
| 20. | Rässler, Susanne | PD Dr. | Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Lehrstuhl für |

21. Rammstedt, Beatrice	Dr.	Statistik und Ökonometrie, Nürnberg Centre for Survey Research and Methodology (ZUMA), Mannheim
22. Rauch, Wolfgang	Dipl.- Psych.	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Institut für Psychologie, Frankfurt
23. Rudas, Tamás	Prof. Dr.	Department of Statistics, Institute of Sociology and Social Policy, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
24. Schermelleh-Engel, Karin	Dr.	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Institut für Psychologie, Frankfurt
25. Schmidt, Peter	Prof. Dr.	Justus- Liebig- Universität, Fachbereich 03 Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften Institut für Politikwissenschaften, Gießen
26. Schweizer, Karl	Prof. Dr.	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Präsidialabteilung, Frankfurt
27. Spiel, Christiane	Prof. Dr.	Universität Wien, Institut für Psychologie Bildungspsychologie und Evaluation, Wien
28. Steyer, Rolf	Prof. Dr.	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Institut für Psychologie, Jena
29. Vautier, Stéphane		Maison de la Recherche, CERPP, bureau B10, Université de Toulouse Le Mirail, Toulouse
30. Yousfi, Safir	Dr.	Psychologisches Institut der Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg

A number of other colleagues sent their regrets that they were not able to come: Anguera, M. T. (Barcelona), Ato-Garcia, M. (Murcia), De Boeck, P. (Leuven), Goldhammer, F. (Frankfurt), Falissard, B. (Villejuif Cedex), Gaskell, G. (London), Ferring, D. (Luxembourg), Loosveldt, G. (Leuven), Mullet, E. (Plaisance), Saris, W. (Amsterdam), Schnell, R. (Konstanz), Snijders, T. (Groningen), and Wynn, H. (London).

Agenda

1. Welcome address
2. Electing a chair person for this meeting
3. Fixing the agenda
4. Electing a minute (protocol) taker
5. Discussing and deciding about the statutes
6. Fix election procedures
7. Should the election be a preliminary one and be repeated at the members meeting in Jena, July 04?
8. Elect chair for the election of the executive committee
9. Election of the executive committee
10. Decide about the membership fees (distinctions between East and West Europeans?)
11. Honorary membership for Karl Jöreskog: R. Steyer
12. Policies of the new journal: M. Eid, M. Ato
13. European journal for European Social Surveys: W. Saris
14. First EAM-conference (jointly with the SMABS conference)
15. Other activities

Decisions and results

1. The local organizer, Prof. Dr. Helfried Moosbrugger, University of Frankfurt, welcomed the participants
2. Prof. Dr. Rolf Steyer, University of Jena, was elected to chair the meeting.
3. The Agenda mentioned above was approved
4. Tamas Rudas, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, was elected to take the minutes
5. A new version of the statutes was distributed. Rolf Steyer explained the core ideas of the statutes and emphasized the relevance of group membership. Governance was discussed with view of having several hundred members. Then all paragraphs of the statutes were discussed in detail and approved.
6. The procedures for the election of the executive committee were fixed as follows: First, the president is elected, then the vice president, the general secretary, the deputy general secretary, the treasurer and finally the four members. All elections were made secretly.
7. How long should the EC stay in office? It was decided that a reelection will be held in Jena (during the SMABS meeting).
8. Prof. Eckard Klieme was elected to chair the elections of the Executive Committee
9. The following nominations were raised: President: Prof. Steyer, Vice President: Prof. Muniz, General Secretary: Prof. Rudas, Deputy General Secretary: Prof. Barbero, Treasurer: Prof. Moosbrugger, Members: Profs. Anguera, Ferligoj, Hox, Oud, Schnell. All nominees accepted their nominations. Ballots were distributed and collected. 10 minutes break. Results of the election were as follows (yes votes, no, no votes)
President: Prof Steyer (28, 0, 1)
Vice President: Prof. Muniz (29, 0, 0)
General Secretary: Prof. Rudas (28, 0, 1)
Deputy General Secretary: Prof. Barbero (28, 0, 1)
Treasurer: Prof. Moosbrugger (28, 0, 1)
Members: Profs. Anguera 17, Ferligoj 23, Hox 24, Oud 16, Schnell 20
(28 valid, 1 invalid)
10. Proposals were distributed: Journal “Methodology – European Journal of Research Methods in the Social and Behavioural Sciences” and its publication schedule (book format, book marketing, similarity to Sociological Methodology?), copyright issues, membership fee structure. The offer of Hogrefe/Huber was discussed in some detail. Some points needed further clarification. Michael Eid was asked to continue negotiations with Hogrefe/Huber. A decision on the fee structure postponed till the Jena meeting. Fee for 2004 (no journal): €10. The suggestion for 2005 and later is €70 (including the journal).
11. Rolf Steyer proposed to award Prof. Dr. Karl Jöreskog with an honorary membership in the EAM. The proposal was unanimously approved.
12. Journal discussed under 10. Prof. Saris’s proposal (European Social Surveys Journal): to be discussed further. It was decided to hold the First Conference of the European Association of Methodology together with SMABS conference in Jena on July 18 to 21, 2004. EAM may continue the SMABS tradition. The possibility of organizing a Master’s or a PhD program in methodology discussed. The participants expressed their recognition to Prof. Steyer for the organization of EAM.

The meeting was concluded at 18:20.

Tamas Rudas (Budapest), Rolf Steyer (Jena), March 26, 2004