

## Minutes EAM General Assembly

Date: Thursday July 22, from 17:30 to 19:00

Location: hybrid meeting

This meeting was announced via email to all members on June 9, 2021

The agenda for the General Members' Assembly is as follows:

1. Accepting the agenda of the meeting.
2. Accepting the minutes of the virtual general assembly of the EAM, March 4, 2021.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Finances
5. Methodology editor's report.
6. Editorial Board Methodology.
7. Next conference.
8. Report of the auditors.
9. Prizes and Awards.
10. Vote on release of responsibility.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Acknowledgments.
13. Remarks of the new president.

Albert Sesé and Axel Mayer open the meeting at 17:35.

24 members join online (see list at end of minutes)

20 members join in person (see list at end of minutes)

Axel suggests two extra agenda items:

*Extra agenda item A.* After agenda point 2: Appointing the auditors. There is some discussion on how the auditors should check the finances since this is the first time the Members' Assembly is online. It is suggested we do not postpone checking the finances. It is suggested the finances are checked online.

*Extra agenda item B.* After agenda point 10: Introduce the new Executive Committee (EC)

*1. Accepting the agenda of the meeting.*

No one is against the adjusted agenda and no abstentions, hence the agenda is accepted.

*2. Accepting the minutes of the virtual general assembly of the EAM, March 4, 2021.*

The minutes are unanimously accepted.

*Extra agenda item A. Appointing the auditors.*

The members assembly unanimously appoints Kristian Kleine and Christoph Kiefer as auditors. Both accept. Johannes Hartig will meet with the auditors in a separate breakout session after the treasurer's report.

*3. Treasurer's report.*

There are two important things to mention:

1. report covers a longer period of three rather than two years because the 2020 conference was skipped.

2. Balance increased a lot

Balance on June 30 2018: 5.790 euro

Balance on 30 June 2021 28.145 euro

Balance on 31 December 2021 31.873 euro (expected)

The balance increased a lot as we no longer pay for Methodology. The institution hosting the journal is paid by German federal funding.

There is a question about proof of members being retired (and paying a lower fee). Johannes suggests we do not ask for proof.

*4. Finances*

A task for the future EC is to decide about membership fees and plans to spend money.

Membership fees can be reduced but the association should still be able to financially support the work of the journal's editors. Johannes suggests to reduce the fees by about 60%.

Full membership fee then becomes 30 euro (was 70 euro) and reduced fee becomes 15 euro (was 35 euro). Axel mentions that there is no reduced fee for AEMCCO members included.

Johannes suggests to reduce this fee to 15 euro.

A suggestion from Jose Luis Padilla is not to reduce the fee but to spend money on activities for members, he suggests the new EC has to decide on this. Ana Hernández Baeza agrees that the EC should decide and suggests spending money on summer school courses. Rolf Steyer suggests we make the decision now and see how we spend money in the next two years. We can then see if we need to increase the fee in the next members' assembly in two years. There was a comment from the audience it is not a good idea to first decrease and then increase again. Lisa Harlow agrees and suggests to reduce the full member fee to 50 euro.

A suggestion is to vote about lowering the fee but Ana and Jose Luis mention that this should have been explicitly mentioned in the agenda. Johannes suggests to have an extraordinary members' meeting later in 2021 to decide about the fees and how to spend the money. Tamas Rudas suggests to vote using an online voting system because not all members will be able to attend the extraordinary members' meeting. Albert agrees to make the decision later this year so we can come with various alternatives. Johannes suggests to leave this to the new EC.

5. *Methodology editor's report.*

6. *Editorial Board Methodology.*

Jose Luis discusses the current situation and proposal for the editorial board.

It has been almost two years since the journal moved to Hogrefe. It is time to improve the journal quality and increase its impact. The EC does not have a defined policy to nominate or invite persons to run the journal. The structure of the editorial committee should be improved and renewed and it should have a more efficient structure.

The proposal for the new editorial committee is as follows: 2 co-editors, 4 associate editors (one for each of the major current content areas in Methodology) and 1 assistant editor. The EC will invite persons to serve as co-editors for two years (with a possible extension of one year), persons to be associate editor for two years and persons to take part in the editorial board.

Proposal of general criteria for the different positions in the Methodology editorial committee:

1. all members should stick to the journal policy
2. they should be nominated taking into account gender representatoin, different stages in professional career and expertise diversity
3. be members of EAM at the moment of appointment and for service period, but this needs further discussion in the EC

There are specific appointment criteria:

Co-editors should have complementary professional profiles.

Associate editors should have diverse areas of expertise.

Assistant editor should be a junior researcher who receives a grant from EAM and work closely with the co-editors

Editorial board members: around 20 persons with diverse background and expertise

Further a draft of the workflow was presented:

Co-editors make a first decision on the potential of the submission. They can check with associate editors or other members of the editorial board when in doubt about the potential of the submission.

Responsible editor is the person in charge of the editorial process. He/she can accept/reject submissions.

Associate editors can act as responsible editors.

Some further statistics about the Methodology impact factor were presented:

The journal is currently in Q3 (Psychology, mathematical; Social sciences, mathematical methods). The aim is to improve further to Q2.

The acceptance rate is 22.8%

Jost Reinecke adds it is now a good starting point for extending to a structure with co-, associate and assistant editorships. The transition process from Hogrefe to ZPID was in a good way. When Jose Luis and Jost step down at the end of the year, they will still handle manuscripts sent to them previously.

Axel thanks the two co-editors and assistant editors for all their work in the transition to ZPID. He agrees it is a good point to restructure the editorial board.

There was a question from the audience about how many areas can be established. Jose Luis mentions that there can be special issues about certain areas.

Eduardo Estrada suggests to pay the assistant editor via a contract rather than a grant. He also mentions that junior researchers may be too busy publishing their own papers to act as assistant editor.

Jost mentions that it was proposed to have four or five associate editors to cover different areas. More associate editors would be too much. Jose Luis adds that the new EC could decide whether the assistant professors will be paid via a contract or grant.

#### *7. Next conference.*

The next conference will be in 10-14 July 2023 in Gent, organized by Yves Rosseel and colleagues from Department of Data Analysis. The conference is a bit earlier than usual because of *Gentse Feesten* 14-23 July 2023.

Albert suggests to decide soon where the two conferences after 2023 will be organized. Axel agrees and mentions there are no bids yet for these conferences. Jost suggests that the new EC needs to communicate with ESRA when their next conferences will be, Axel adds that future conferences of AEMCCO and Psychometric Society and other societies may also overlap with the EAM conference.

#### *8. Report of the auditors.*

Kristian mentions accounting was fine.

#### *9. Prizes and Awards.*

Career lifetime awards have been handed over on Thursday July 22 to José Muñiz and Rolf Steyer. Best poster and presentation awards will be handed over on Friday. Three registration and travel grants (max 500 euro each) for in-person participants and ten registration grants for online participants have already been awarded.

#### *10. Vote on release of responsibility.*

No member is against release of responsibility and there are no abstentions.

*Extra agenda item B. Introduce the new Executive Committee*

The new president Albert Sesé thanks the previous EC for working on the new statutes. He welcomes all new and young researchers. He also thanks the editors of Methodology and all those who were involved in the transition to ZPID.

The new EC consist of new and old members:

President: Albert Sesé

Vice-president: Mirjam Moerbeek

Secretary: Ana Hernández

Sec deputy: Axel Mayer

Treasurer: Carmen Köhler

Members: Johannes Hartig, Maria Dolores Hidalgo, Nekane Balluerka, Salva Chacón, Noémi Schuurman

*11. Miscellaneous.*

There was a question if there could be a teaching corner in Methodology.

*12. Acknowledgments.*

Albert thanks the conference organizers, especially so because of organizing a conference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*13. Remarks of the new president.*

There is a lot of work to do but with some money. One of main objectives is to work with young people, make the members committed and try to make each member feel at home in the society. Methodology is the only way to fight against the replication crisis. We have to fight to translate the impact of evidence to the people. The new EC is at service to all members. Again the former EC is thanked.

Albert closed the meeting at 19:41.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF METHODOLOGY  
 Valencia 22/07/2021 (ON-SITE attendees)

1	Ana	Hernández Baeta
2	Albert	SESE ABAD
3	Salvador	Chacón-MoscOSO
4	SUSANA	SANDUVETE - CHAVES
5	VESNA	BUSKO
6	Maria DOLORES	HIDALGO MONTEFINO
7	Carmen Rosa	Sánchez López
8	M. TERESA	ANGUERA
9	Ismael	MARTÍNEZ MOLINA
10	FRANCISCO JOSÉ	ABAD GARCIA
11	Miguel A. <del>Sánchez</del>	Sorrel
12	EDUARDO	GARCÍA GARRÓN
13	INES	TOMAS MARCO
14	MARÍA FLORANCIA RODRIGO	RODRIGO
15	Juan Carlos	oliver
16	JAVIER	SUARÉS ALVAREZ
17	Luis Manuel	Lozano Fernández
18	Celia	SERRANO MONTILLA
19	Jose Luis <del>Rodrigo</del>	Podilek Gajda
20	Jost	Reincke
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Online Attendees:

1	Axel Mayer
2	Stefan Bosse
3	Dolores Frias-Navarro
4	Jone Aliri
5	Johannes Hartig
6	Heinz Holling
7	José A López López

8	Christoph Kiefer
9	Rolf Steyer
10	Eduardo Estrada
11	Lisa Harlow
12	Alexander Stappert
13	Nekane Balluerka
14	Kristian Kleinke
15	Ulf Kroehne
16	Rafa Jiménez
17	Benedikt Langenberg
18	Elena Gervilla
19	Carmen Köhler
20	Mirjam Moerbeek
21	Begoña
22	Pilar Egea
23	Tamas Rudas
24	Eduardo Estrada