

Minutes of the 2018 general members assembly of the European Association of Methodology

Date: Friday July 27, 2018. Starting at 16:30.
Location: Hotel Steigenberger Esplanade. Jena, Germany.

This meeting was announced via email to all members on July 16, 2018

The agenda of the members' meeting is as follows:

1. Accepting the agenda of the meeting.
2. Accepting the minutes of the 7th EAM Members Assembly in Palma de Mallorca, July 28, 2016.
3. Election of election chair and auditors.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Methodology editor's report.
6. Editorial Board Methodology.
7. Options for Methodology Journal.
8. Fee for retired members.
9. Proposal for and vote on honorary membership.
10. Proposal for and vote on member of Advisory Board.
11. Proposal for and vote on Career Award for Lifetime Achievement.
12. Next conference.
13. Report of the auditors.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Acknowledgments.
16. Prizes and Awards.
17. Vote on release of responsibility.
18. Elections.
19. Remarks of the new president.

A total of 24 members attended the meeting. President Constantino Arce welcomes all participants.

1. Accepting the agenda of the meeting.

The agenda was unanimously accepted and no changes or additions were proposed.

2. Accepting the minutes of the 7th EAM Members Assembly in Palma de Mallorca, July 28, 2016.

The minutes of the 2016 meeting were put online at www.eam-online.org a few weeks after that meeting. No comments were given by any participant and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

3. Election of the election chair and auditors

María Teresa Anguera was proposed as election chair for 2018. The proposed auditors for the financial report were Manuel Voelkle and Inés Tomás. As in previous years one auditor should be able to read German since all relevant banking documents are written in that language. The other auditor should preferably come from another country.

The election chair and both auditors were unanimously approved.

During the meeting the two auditors check the financial documents provided by Johannes Hartig.

4. Treasurer's report.

Johannes Hartig gives special thanks to Carmen Köhler who does most of the financial work. The balance report is more or less the same as in the two last years. The main exception is a lower membership fee for AEMCOO members.

The most important numbers from the treasurer's report are as follows (all numbers in euros):

Period	debit	credit	balance
1 July 2016 - 31 December 2016	149.41	14,933.74	14,784.33
1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017	12,156.71	19,851.64	7,694.93
1 January 2018 – 30 June 2018	12,104.67	17,895.26	5,790.59
1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018 (expected)	12,156.62	29,195.26	17,038.64

The long structure of the editor's report in the attachment shows further details of the financial status.

5 and 6. Methodology editor's report and editorial board Methodology

Jose-Luis Padilla gives a report of the Methodology journal.

Since last meeting editor Peter Lugtig has been replaced by Jost Reinecke and managing editor Charlotte Rietbergen has been replaced by Andreas Pöge.

The Editorial Manager for handling submissions is running on the internet. Since it has been in use, the number of submissions has doubled which is most likely because such using such a system looks more professional. There were 27 submissions in total in 2017 and 46 in 2018 thus far. This puts a bigger load on the (managing) editors. Submissions come from a wide variety of countries and a wide range of topics.

The bad news is that the impact factor went up from 2013 to 2015 but then went down again to the same level as of 2013 in 2017 (IF is 0.519). This is a result from a change in the number of publications and also there are publications that do have not been referred to. The journal is now in the fourth quartile so we need to think about how to improve the impact factor.

A few improvements are proposed:

Renewal of the editorial board

Using associate editors for handling papers on topics in which editors are not experts

Increase Methodology presence in social networks, alerts etc.

7. Options for Methodology journal

Axel and Johannes were put in charge to explore how to create an open access journal

Four options have been explored (see also the attachment for a more extensive description):

1. Go open access with PsychOpen. Editorial work is done for free.
2. Keep the traditional journal with Hogrefe and establish a new OA journal
3. Stay with Hogrefe but go open access for 1250€ per paper. EAM cannot pay for that given the current financial situation. Compromise: authors pay part of fee
4. Traditional model with Hogrefe

Questions and comments from audience.

There is a question about problems with the citation index of a new journal. After five years the new OA journal gets an impact factor and we could replace Methodology with the new journal. However, the current editors are not able to handle a second journal.

There is a request to explain the risks of all options. The risk of option 1 is that Hogrefe may stop EAM from transferring the journal to a new publisher. This risk is estimated to be small. Negotiation with Hogrefe may take one to two years. The key points is who owns the name of the journal. There are opposite opinions from two lawyers. In the worst case we need to establish a new journal with a new name and build on a new impact factor.

All present members voted on the following two questions:

Question 1: Should we go open access?

Question 2: Should we try to move Methodology to PsychOpen

Rolf Steyer pleads for a clear yes to both questions. José-Lius Padilla pleads to not base the decision on financial reasons only since open access means better disseminations of our research. Also there is a need to take care how to deal with papers that are currently in the review process. A smooth transition is therefore necessary.

Results:

Question 1: yes=24, no=0, no opinion=0

Question 2: yes=24, no=0, no opinion=0

8. Fee for retired members.

A reduced fee for retired is proposed since their income decreases after retirement. This is the same fee as for students and developing countries: 50% of the regular fee.

9. Proposal for and vote on honorary membership.

Larry V. Hedges was proposed as honorary member. All participants agree.

10. Proposal for and vote on member of Advisory Board.

Joop Hox, who is cofounder and past president of the EAM, was proposed as member of the Advisory Board. All participants agree.

11. Proposal for and vote on Career Award for Lifetime Achievement

Rolf Steyer and José Muñiz were suggested for the career award. All participants agree.

12. Next conference

The next conference will be held in Valencia, July 22-24, 2020 at the School of Psychology. Conference organizer Ana Hernandez shows a website with an overview of the organizational committee and a short promotional video.

13. Report of the auditors

All relevant reports related to the balanced have been checked by both auditors and these found everything to be fine.

14. Miscellaneous

None

15. Acknowledgements (Constantino Arce)

There is a minute of silence for two of our members who died: Wayne Velicer and Juergen Röst.

Rolf Steyer and all his collaborators are acknowledged for organizing the conference.

Both honorary members, Spohia Rabe-Hesketh and Larry V. Hedges are thanked for their presence and presentations.

Thanks go to all participants, organizers, the city of Jena, the Steigenberger Esplanade hotel and the scientific committee.

The following past editor and managing editors of Methodology acknowledged for their efforts:

Peter Lugtig, Charlotte Rietbergen and Julio Olea Díaz.

The editorial board of Methodology is acknowledged.

Rolf Steyer, José Muñiz and Tamas Rudas, advisory board members, are acknowledged.

Rolf Steyer and José Muñiz, recipients of the Career Award for Lifetime Achievement, are congratulated.

Those members who leave the executive committee and are acknowledged for their work.

16. Prices and Awards

Axel Mayer awards the prizes for young scientists for best poster and presentation.

Best poster: Katinka Hardt. Generalized Continuous Time Models and the Continuous Time Rasch Model as an Example

Best presentation:

This conference there are two prizes for best presentation.

Florian Scharf. Orthogonal Versus Oblique Rotation in Temporal EFA for Event-Related Potentials

Leonie Vogelsmeier. Latent Markov Factor Analysis for Exploring MM Changes in Time-Intensive Longitudinal Studies

The prizes for best presentation come with an invitation for a publication in a special issue in Methodology.

17. Vote on release of responsibility.

All participants agree that the members of the executive committee are released of their responsibilities.

18. Elections

The following members of the executive committee are stepping down:

Constantino Arce Fernández

Julio Olea

Heinz Holling

Joop Hox

Axel Mayer presents suggestions for new Executive Committee. The new candidacy is a mixture of members with wide experience and new members

President:	Axel Mayer
Vice President:	Albert Sesé
General secretary:	Mirjam Moerbeek
Deputy general secretary:	Ana Hernandez
Treasurer:	Johannes Hartig
General members:	María-José Blanca
	Salvador Chacón
	Steffi Pohl
	Noémi Schuurman

After this presentation all present members filled out their ballots. The results were as follows:

Candidates:	Number of votes:
Axel Mayer for president	19 yes and 2 not valid
Albert Sesé for vice president	19 yes
Mirjam Moerbeek for general secretary	19 yes
Ana Hernandez for deputy general secretary	18 yes
Johannes Hartig for treasurer	17 yes and 1 not valid
All others for general member	18 yes

Note that not all candidates received the same number of votes since a few participants left during the voting process.

19. Remarks of the new president.

Axel Mayer is grateful for the trust that is put in the new EC. He again stressed the important decisions that have to be made for the journal. He is looking forwards to meeting everybody in Valencia. Thanks go to organizers again.