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## European International Studies Association (EISA)

### Governing Board

#### Executive Committee (until Sept 2015)

Knud Erik Jørgensen President  
 Thomas Diez Treasurer  
 Tanja Aalberts Executive Secretary

#### (from Sept 2015)

Thomas Diez President  
 Raquel Freire Treasurer  
 Tanja Aalberts Executive Secretary

#### Council (until Sept 2015)

Mika Aaltola  
 Pinar Bilgin  
 Ian Bruff  
 Johan Eriksson  
 Inana Hamati-Ataya  
 Lyubov Mincheva  
 Stefania Panebianco  
 Frédéric Ramel  
 Zlatko Sabic

#### (from Sept 2015)

Mika Aaltola  
 Mathias Albert  
 Victoria Basham  
 Jef Huysmans  
 Knud Erik Jørgensen  
 Lyubov Mincheva  
 Stefania Panebianco  
 Ole Jacob Sending  
 Benjamin Tallis

#### Staff

Charlene Baldwin (membership)  
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## Report of the Governing Board for 2015

The Governing Board of the EISA is pleased to submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015. The 2016 Annual General Assembly will be held on 8 September, 2016 in Izmir, Turkey.

### Legal Status

The European International Studies Association (hereafter EISA or the Association) is an association pursuant to Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, having its seat in Zurich, Switzerland.

The Association's governing document is the Constitution and Bylaws (hereafter: the Constitution), as adopted April 10, 2013 in the name and with the powers of attorney of the incorporation members. Subsequently, it has been approved by the General Assembly in Warsaw, 19 September 2013 for the period of one year. This conditional adoption was decided after some uncertainty about the rules for changing the constitution, as stated in article V/1-e of the constitution. It enables the Governing Council to continue its work while seeking legal clarification of the aforementioned article.

### Objects and Membership

The EISA was founded in 2013, by a unanimous decision of the members of the Steering Committee of Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR) for a new organization to run the activities of the International Relations' community in Europe. As a membership-based organization, EISA continues the agenda of the SGIR in a more sustainable and democratic fashion.

The objects of the Association, set out in article II of the Constitution, are 'to enhance the capacities of scholars and practitioners primarily in Europe, but also worldwide in acquiring, disseminating and applying knowledge of global affairs and international studies'.

The constitution furthermore states that the Association 'does not pursue any commercial purposes and is not profit oriented. The purpose of the Association is exclusively educational, scientific and charitable and any net earnings of the Association and its activities shall be devoted exclusively to such purpose.'

Pursuant article IV of the Constitution, any natural or legal person of private and public law that shares the above purposes of the Association and pay its membership dues may become a member. There are four membership categories: regular members; emeritus members; honorary members; and corporate members. All members (except corporate members) have full voting rights, but only regular members have the right to hold office within the Association. There are differentiated membership fees based on annual income, as published on the website.

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, EISA had 1292 regular members, coming from 62 different countries.

### Governance

The Governing Board consists of the Executive Committee (3 members) and the Governing Council (9 members). The Board normally meets twice a year (as of 2016 this will be three times a year). In addition, the Governing Board has ex officio members, who serve on the editorial boards of the journals of the Association.

The positions of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition by the Governing Board. The President is elected by the General Assembly, following nomination of two qualified and eligible regular members by the Governing Board. The President serves for 2 years. The Treasurer and Executive Secretary of the Association are elected by the General Assembly, upon proposition of the Governing Board, and serve for 4 years each.

2015 was an important year for the EISA board, as it was looking for 5 new members, and a new President. In Spring 2015 elections were organized for new board members. Whereas according to the constitution, the Executive Secretary by him/herself proposes candidates to the Council, Tanja Aalberts proposed to open up the procedure by an open call for nominations amongst EISA members. In addition, a nomination committee (composed of Tanja Aalberts, Pinar Bilgin and Thomas Diez) was established. After a call for nominations, the committee composed a shortlist of 10 candidates from the 21 applications we received. Selection criteria included gender, geographical spread, balance between juniority/seniority.

An online electronic ballot was organized in April 2015. EISA members received a personal ballot number, with which they could cast their votes for 5 candidates anonymously. 6 out of 291 votes turned out to be invalid. Based on the votes of 285 EISA members (about 30% of the overall membership at the time), the following people were elected: Mathias Albert,

Victoria Basham, Jef Huysmans, Ole Jacob Sending and Benjamin Tallis. They all accepted their election, and were ratified as new board members at the 2015 General Assembly in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, 24 September 2015.

In addition, the two-year term of our founding President, Knud Erik Jørgensen, ended in 2015. According to the Constitution, the new President has to come from the existing Board. The constitutional procedure is that the Executive Secretary proposes 2 candidates to the Governing Board. The GB shall select by secret and simple majority vote the candidate who shall be proposed to the GA for election as President. After consultation with all board members, Mika Aaltola and Thomas Diez agreed to be nominated as new President. At the board meeting in Brussels (April 2015), the board decided to propose Thomas Diez to the General Assembly as the new President. He was ratified at the 2015 General Assembly in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, 24 September 2015.

The election of Thomas Diez as new President meant that the Board also needed a new Treasurer. The EISA board decided to ask the new board member Maria Raquel Freire, who accepted the function and took over from Thomas Diez at the General Assembly. This also ensures the constitutional requirements that the terms of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer should not run parallel: Tanja Aalberts will stay on as Executive Secretary until 2017; Raquel Freire will stay on as Treasurer until 2019.

At the grand reception on 25 September we said good bye to the outgoing board members (Pinar Bilgin, Ian Bruf, Karin Fierke,<sup>1</sup> Frederic Ramel and Zlatko Sabic) and a big thank you to Knud Erik Jørgensen for his initiative to launch the EISA in the first place, and his hard work and everlasting energy to make EISA into a success.

### Network

EISA maintains good working relationships with several sister organisations. These include the British International Studies Association (BISA), the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), the Standing Group of International Relations of the European Consortium for Political Research (SGIR/ECPR), the Nordic International Studies Association (NISA), and overseas the International Studies Association (ISA) and the World International Studies Committee (WISC). In addition, EISA is a partner and co-organizer of the Olympia Summer Academy ([olympiasummeracademy.org](http://olympiasummeracademy.org)) since 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> Karin Fierke resigned in autumn 2014, after which Inanna Hamati-Ataya generously served as an interim board member until the elections

## Publications

The Association currently is involved in the publication of a Book Series and has launched a new journal.

### ***Palgrave Studies in International Relations (PSIR)***

PSIR is one of the major IR series demonstrating that one of the original objectives has been achieved. The number of published volumes increases each year, simple statistics perhaps, but we take it as a good indicator of consolidation (by the end of 2015: 39 volumes). Being a general IR series, PSIR does not specialize. We simply publish the best that is submitted to us. This does not exclude that certain threads have emerged over the years. For instance, we are happy that PSIR has been part of the general endeavour to globalize the IR discipline and, we are equally happy that PSIR includes several volumes in which the authors analyse Europe's changing position in the world. At the end of 2015 co-editor Audie Klotz decided to step down. Since PSIR was launched, she has done great editorial work for PSIR and has tirelessly promoted the series in the United States. The PSIR's mission, of publishing research that 'cross borders' and 'create bridges' between fields of research/camps, carries her fingerprints. In the spring 2016 EISA will announce a new editorial team.

### ***Global Affairs***

After years of preparation, 2015 was for *Global Affairs* the launch year. The first issue appeared in January and, except for the summer period, the journal is published every second months. The reception of the journal has been beyond expectation. Usually newly launched journals take time to establish themselves and get known. Yet readers began quickly to engage with the online published material thereby producing unexpectedly high engagement metrics, some articles engaged more than 3000 times. Two factors might explain this take-off. First, Taylor & Francis' promotion of the journal is indispensable. There are considerable advantages of being in the same journal stable as journals like *Washington Quarterly* and *Survival*. Second, all EISA members have free online access to *Global Affairs* (and other T&F journals) for which reason the journal benefits from a direct connection to the biggest IR knowledge resource base in Europe.



Each issue is composed of one or two front articles, research articles, a commentary/debate section and a review section. While most sections took off as planned, we experienced problems with the commentary/debates section, most likely because we have to compete with various web-based platforms, for instance Carnegie Europe. In issue 3 we

introduced a new feature, a forum consisting of five short articles, specifically on drones and targeted killings. It was really well received and new forum contributions are under preparation. Some of the published articles have got media attention, helped by press releases, thus representing academics reaching out to broader audiences, i.e. one of the aims of *Global Affairs*. At the end of 2015 we prepared the transition to use ScholarOne for manuscript submissions.

Members of the Association receive free copies of the EISA journals and several journals of sister organisations. This includes an agreement with SAGE, which provides EISA members free access to the *European Journal of International Relations*. Moreover members can purchase the Palgrave Studies in International Relations at a 50 per cent discount, as well as other books and journals from premier publishers.

The Association journals are available to libraries and other institutions as a complete package or separately, as a combined print and online subscription, or online-only subscription. Purchasing deals by consortia of libraries continue to be an important category of users and subscribers.

### Other Academic activities

EISA engages in a range of activities open to members and non-members alike. As described in more detail below, the Association organizes a number of events and produces a range of publications that serve to promote International Studies in Europe.

### Conferences and Events

The EISA organizes the Pan-European Conference (PEC) on International Relations (see 9<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations, below), the Young Researchers' Workshops adjacent to the Pan European conference (see YRW, Giardini Naxos, below), European Workshops on International Studies (see EWIS below), European International Relations Summer School, Exploratory Symposia (see ES, Rapallo below) and co-organizes the Olympia Summer Academy (see OSA below).

### 9<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations in Giardini Naxos, Sicily

In 2015 the 9th Pan European Conference (also known as PEC15) took place in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, 23-26 September 2015. Programme chairs were Ian Bruff and Inanna Hamati-Ataya with assistance from Elem Eyryce; Stefania Panebianco was the local organizer and Knud Erik Jørgensen chaired the organizing committee. 64 sections have been accepted to the



program (compared to 50 sections at PEC13 in Warsaw) and 350 panels and roundtables were organized.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Pan European Conference on International Relations in Izmir, Turkey



In 2014 it was decided to organize the Pan European conference on an annual basis. So parallel to the organization of PEC15, preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Pan European conference at Yasar University in Izmir, Turkey started, with Mathias Albert and Katja Freistein as program chairs, assisted by Thomas Muller, and Knud Erik Jørgensen and Emre Iseri from Yasar University, as the local organizers. The call for sections was launched right after PEC15, and 55 sections were accepted.

### YRW in Giardini Naxos, 2015

Young Researchers Workshops are one-day workshops organized by and for doctoral students and recently appointed postdoctoral researchers. Organized around an overarching theme or question, junior scholars present and discuss their work together with senior discussants. Three workshops (selected from 6 applications) took place on 22 September (the day before the opening of PEC15) at the University of Catania.

Adjacent to the decision to hold an annual conference, YRW will be a yearly event from this year onwards.

### ES Rapallo

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual EISA Symposia of 2015 comprised two events, both held in Rapallo, Italy. The first was held from 4-7 November and it brought together seven scholars based at institutions throughout Europe, the US and the Middle East. Their goal was to examine the role of (scholarly) identities in the study of identities in Middle East international relations. This group used their symposia as an opportunity for refining the broad outlines of the research agenda sketched above and provide the first steps for the establishment of a new trans-regional network of IR/Middle East scholars from Europe, the Middle East and United States. They aim to publish one or two 'forums' or 'roundtables' based on their discussions at the symposium in peer reviewed journals and produce an edited volume. The second

event, which focused on Recognition/Misrecognition in World Politics and took place from 11-14<sup>th</sup> November 2015, brought together nine scholars based throughout Europe and in Australian institutions. Reports from this group suggest their event was engaged, intellectually rigorous and much enjoyed.

### **OSA, Nafplion, Greece**

The Olympia Summer Academy (OSA) is co-organized with the European International Studies Association (EISA). The 14<sup>th</sup> edition was held in Nafplion, Greece, from July 13 to 23. While 2015 was a particularly difficult year for Greece, the Academy managed to attract 78 qualified participants, from more than 25 countries, and 15 professors from both sides of the Atlantic. The Olympia 2015 faculty comprised of academics from Yale University (Prof. Stathis Kalyvas), St Andrews University (Prof. Richard English and Dr Rashmi Singh), London School of Economics (Prof. John Breuilly and Dr Effie Fokas), Georgetown University (Professors Charles King and Daniel H. Nexon), University of Sheffield (Prof. John M. Hobson), US Naval Academy (Prof. Janet I. Lewis), University of Athens (Prof. Paschalis Kitromilidis) and Panteion University of Athens (Professors Dimitris Keridis, Harry Pappasotiriou and Andreas Gofas), as well as two highly recognised experts in political risk analysis (Dr Wolfango Piccoli, Mr Antonio Barroso). The Academy was an 8 working days high-level teaching activity where six carefully defined conflict and international studies related areas were examined in depth. The teaching cycles/programs that comprise the OSA were: Conflict & Political Violence (8 working days), The History, Philosophy, and Sociology of IR (4 working days), Religion & International Politics (4 working days), Terrorism & Counterterrorism (4 working days); Political Risk Analysis (4 working days); Nationalism and Ethnic Politics (4 working days). The majority of the participants were Ph.D. candidates and graduate students (83,4%), and 16,6% were advanced under-graduate students.

### **EWIS**

In 2015 preparations started for EWIS 2016, which will take place at the University of Tuebingen, Germany. Due to the local university schedule, it is a bit earlier this time: 6-8 April 2016. Programme chair and local organizer is Thomas Diez, with the assistance of Thea Güttler. There will be 20 workshops (selected from 31 high-quality proposals) on a wide range of topics, organized in joint venue. Professor Michael Zürn will deliver a keynote.

Adjacent to the decision to hold an annual conference, the EISA board has decided to shift from a biennial timeschedule to organising EIWS on a yearly basis from 2016 onwards.

### **Awards and Prizes**

The Association has several awards and prizes: the triennial best article in EJIR award, the best conference graduate paper award, the Global Affairs award, and a lifetime achievement award is in the pipeline. In 2015 the best conference graduate paper award (for papers presented at the Pan European conference), was handed out . [...]

It was decided to postpone the lifetime achievement award until 2016.

### **Communication with members**

There are several ways in which the Association communicates about its activities and those of sister organisations with its members and the IR community at large. This includes first of all the website ([www.eisa-net.org](http://www.eisa-net.org)), a Facebook page and a Twitter account (@europeanisa). The website has information about all upcoming and past activities, important documents (such as the Association's constitution), links to cooperating organisations (see also under Network above), information on membership and the possibility to sign up as a member. There also is a password protected section for members called MyEISA, with membership benefits and discount codes for SAGE, OUP and other publishers' publications. In addition, there is a monthly newsletter from the Association. There is also a listserv where anyone can post information that might be of interest to the IR community. Members and non-members alike can sign up for this service.

### **Concluding remarks from the President**

2015 was the third year of EISA's existence. In a relatively short time, the association has established itself as the prime organisation of International Relations scholars in Europe and beyond. We have followed a path to continued professionalization, which has included the move to annual Pan-European conferences and European Workshops. Together with the Young Researchers' Workshops and the Research Symposia, these events have established themselves as core events in the diaries of IR scholars. This year's launch of a new, policy-oriented journal, *Global Affairs*, alongside EISA's co-managed flagship journal, the European Journal of International Relations, has made a necessary and important addition to our publications portfolio, which also includes the Palgrave Series in International Relations. All of these activities demonstrate that we have already come a long way in realising our visions for EISA. The coming years will need to see some consolidation of these activities and the stabilisation of our budget in order to further expand our services to the academic community. Already now, however, it is difficult to imagine this community without EISA!

## Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 01.01.2015

**28904,56**

Membership fees			
15 €/family	12	15	180
45 €/family	2	45	90
50 €/Emer.	7	50	350
30 €/1yr	347	30	10410
35 €/1yr	120	35	4200
45 €/1yr	80	45	3600
50 €/1yr	105	50	5250
60 €/1yr	81	60	4860
65€/ 1yr	74	65	4810
75 €/1yr	49	75	3675
80 € /1yr	27	80	2160
90 €/1yr	70	90	6300
45 €/2ys	64	45	2880
60 € /2ys	17	60	1020
80€ /2ys	6	80	480
90 € /2ys	8	90	720
110€/2ys	10	110	1100
125€/2ys	6	125	750
140€/2ys	3	140	420
155€/2ys	5	155	775
170€/2ys	2	170	340
180€/2ys	0	180	0
60 €/3ys	28	60	1680
90 €/3ys	8	90	720
110€/3ys	4	110	440
135€/3ys	13	135	1755
155€/3ys	5	155	775
180€/3ys	8	180	1440
200€/3ys	5	200	1000
225€/3ys	1	225	225
250€/3ys	7	250	1750
<b>Total</b>	<b>1174</b>		<b>64155</b>
PEC 2015			
Registration fees	1299	1630	235922,5
Prizes			-1250
Organizational expenses			-192381,86



MCI Communication	-3000	
MCI Print and Copy	-27	
MCI Postage	-29,93	
MCI phone	-3,11	
MCI fees	-39834,25	
	-50394,29	<b>-50394,29</b>
<b>Balance on account 31.12.2015</b>		<b>52389,21</b>

*Note from the Treasurer:* It should be noted that the forecasted starting balance for the 2015 year was much higher than it happened to be, with an expected amount of €80,000 and a real balance account on January 1, 2015 of €28,904.56. The 2015 budget proposal included an additional revenue of €30,000 resulting from the solving of the ECPR dispute which did not happen in the 2015 financial year. Costs with admin MCI fees and legal fees were higher than forecasted, whereas membership fees income was higher than expected (€48,000 corresponding to about 800 members as forecasted, against an increase in the number of members to 1174 with a total revenue of €64,155). Also note that the current balance for December 2015 inflates the present standing because EWIS income was recorded but no expenses have yet been charged.