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European International Studies Association (EISA)

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Report of the Governing Board for 2014

The Governing Board of the EISA is pleased to submit their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014. The 2015 Annual General Assembly will be held on 24 September, 2015 in Sicily, Italy.

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.

In December 2014, the total membership stood at 920 regular members, coming from 57 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. In addition, the Governing Board has ex officio members, who serve on the editorial boards of the journals of the Association.

The members of the current Governing Board were necessarily self-appointed in order to enable the launch of the Association in April, 2013. In November 2014 Karin Fierke stepped down. Inanna Hamati-Ataya (University of Aberystwyth) kindly accepted to be co-opted as a member of the Governing Board, until the ratification of the newly elected Board members at the General Assembly in Sicily, September 2015. In order to put in practice the composition change on a rolling basis (CONSTITUTION), 4 more members will step down In September 2015. There will be a call for nominations and an electronic ballot in Spring 2015 to elect the new Board members.

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.

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 2014 EISA joined the Olympia Summer Academy (olympiasummeracademy.org) as a partner and co-organizer.

Publications

The Association currently is involved in the publication of a Book Series and launching a new journal. This includes the **Palgrave Studies in International Relations (PSIR) in partnership** with Palgrave. By the end of 2014 31 volumes were published in the series. The series has shown a steady growth over the last years, and the aim is to increase the number of monographs up to 15 in the next 4-5 years. An advisory board has been set up to help out the series editors Prof. Dr Knud Erik Jørgensen (Aarhus University) and Prof. Dr Audie Klotz (Syracuse University).

In addition, in 2014 the Association contracted a new journal, ***Global Affairs***, in partnership with Taylor and Francis. The first issue to be published in January 2015. This journal aims to reach out to the wider community by making academic research accessible to practitioners, students and the general reader. Moreover, it engages in public debates on topical issues of international politics and foreign relations. The journal is edited by Sven Biscop, Knud Erik Jørgensen, Senem Aydin, Louise van Schaik, Johan Eriksson and Mika Aaltola

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 a biennial Pan-European Conference on International Relations (see 9th Pan European Conference on International Relations below), a biennial Young Researchers' Workshop adjacent to the Pan European conference, European Workshops on International Studies (see EWIS Izmir below), European International Relations Summer School, and Exploratory Symposia (see ES Rapallo below).

- **Preparing the 9th Pan European Conference on International Relations in Giardini Naxos, Sicily**

In 2014 preparations began for the 9th Pan European Conference, which will take place in Giardini Naxos, Sicily, 23-26 September 2015. Programme chairs for PEC15 are Ian Bruff and Inanna Hamati-Ataya with assistance from Elem Eyrice; Stefania Panebianco and Knud-Erik Jørgensen are the local organizers. 64 sections have been accepted to the program (compared to 50 sections at PEC13 in Warsaw).

- **EWIS Izmir**

The 2nd EWIS took place at Gediz University in Izmir from 21 to 24 May 2014. There were 19 workshops (selected from 24 high-quality proposals) on a wide range of topics, organized in joint venue and a keynote by Professor Marieke de Goede. Overall there were some 176 registered participants (selected by the workshop chairs from 297 paper submissions) and feedback has been highly enthusiastic. The organization was excellent, thanks to all the good work of Gaye Güngör from Gediz University.

- **ES Rapallo**

The 3rd ES took place in Rapallo in 29 October – 1 November 2014. EISA's Exploratory Symposia 2014 was the biggest ever. The venue was again exceptionally inspiring for the six symposia, attended by 34 participants. Combined the participants produced a broad range of output, including one edited volume and one journal special issue,

Awards and Prizes

The Association has several awards and prizes. In addition to the triennial best article in EJIR award, and the best conference graduate paper award (for papers presented at the Pan European conference); from 2015 there also will be a lifetime achievement award.

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), 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, and minutes of GA meetings), 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.

Concluding remarks from the President

2014 was devoted to consolidating the institutional framework while expanding activities and membership. For a new association it is crucially important to have well-established norms, rules and procedures. A Europe-wide professional association is not an exception; quite the opposite is actually the case. In early May the 2nd EWIS took place at Gediz University in Izmir, thus continuing the tradition lunched in Tartu the year before. In August many EISA members participated in the WISC conference in August organized by Goethe University Frankfurt. Preparations for the 9th Pan-European Conference in Sicily began in the early summer of 2014 and preparations for the first issue of EISA's new journal Global Affairs were well under way in the autumn. The Exploratory Symposia in Rapallo benefitted from a break in the gales pounding the Ligurian coast. The symposia have already established a reputation of being a fertile ground for innovative thinking on global affairs. The institutional framework is now consolidated, more than 900 members could enjoy the benefits of being a member and when asked (in a survey) they expressed satisfaction with the new association.

Treasurer's Report

Starting balance 01.01.2014 **99,718.28**

Figures in brackets after main budget items refer to initial budget figure for 2014. Items budgeted but not used: EIRSS -8,000.00; prizes -1,500.00. The EOY forecast for 2014 was 194,441.50 but on a starting balance of 192,441.50 which had not included substantial expenditures paid by MCI which had not yet been billed to EISA at the time of the budget forecast in September 2013).

Membership (25,000)	13,600.00
EWIS 2014 (1,000)	4,709.52ⁱ
Fees	11,800.00
Payment to organizers	- 6,000.00
Honorarium Keynote Speaker	-500.00
Reimbursement student assistant travel	-400.48
ConfTool fees	-190.00
Pan-European Conference 2013 (0)	-250.00
Reimbursement Heloise Weber	-250.00
Pan-European Conference 2015 (0)	-15,312.70
Advance Payment Hilton	-12,857.70
ConfTool	-1,455.00
Website	-1,000.00
Exploratory Symposia 2014 (0)	-8,776.00
Hotel	- 8,776.00
Palgrave Series (500.00)	6662.05
Fee income	6662.05
EISA Board Meetings (-6,000.00)	-8,601.86
Travel reimbursements	-7,693.88
Subsistence	- 907.98
CEEISA/WISC support (-3,000.00)	-4,081.00
CEEISA conference grant for travel subsidies	-3,000.00
WISC sponsoring/conference reception	-1,081.00
Bank Fees (0)	-2,221.78
Bank Fees	-279.40
Credit Card Fees	-492.06

Ogone Fees	-1,450.32
Legal Fees (-8,000.00)	-20,305.06
Reimbursement Notarisation	-36.30
EISA Incorporation Legal Fees	-8,346.69
Legal Advice Global Affairs	- 4,769.41
Legal Advice EJIR /ECPR GBP 2205	- 7,152.66
Administration Cost (-33,000.00)	-35,402.86
MCI Bills for 2013	- 8,500.00
MCI 2014	-19,035.87
MCI Membership & Sponsorship Campaign	-3,500.00
Setting up of Website, membership data base	-750.00
Print & Copy	- 202.57
Telephone & Fax	-1.65
Newsletter production	-652.00
Website (old SGIR)	-760.69
Website (new EISA), Google analytics	-1,309.30
Audit Travel Reimbursement	-690.78
Adjustment	22.97 ⁱⁱ
Correction 50 EUR donation mistakenly paid in 2013	50.00
Balance on account (31.12.14)	34,982.17

ⁱ EWIS expenses in 2013 (student assistance, ConfTool) were 2,020.00 €, so that the total surplus for EWIS 2014 is 2,689.52 €

ⁱⁱ In September 2014, I received an invoice from MCI with various expenses in the first half of 2014 in addition to the normal bank account reconciliation statement. When transferring these figures to the present financial report, I must have somewhere done a mistake which, because of the complex reporting system, I cannot reconstruct. The difference is however marginal.