

Minutes General Assembly 10 May 2014

After the last session of the 11th EURAMAL conference in Madrid (7th to the 10th of May 2014), the General Assembly of EURAMAL was held. The meeting was opened at 12:00 by the president, Isabella Camera D’Afflito, in presence of all the members of the Bureau, in Madrid, facilities of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 10th of May 2014

I – Financial situation

The treasurer of EURAMAL, Elisabeth A. Moestrup, reported that EURAMAL funds, by May 6th 2014, before collection of the latest EURAMAL registration fee (2014-2016), stood at € 2316,74.

II – Report of the president (2012-2014), Isabella Camera D’Afflito

- The president informed the assembly that the Bureau had agreed in the meeting held in Rome in May 2013 to start conversations with the International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) in order to explore the possibilities of collaboration for this conference and for the future, given the shared goals and affinities of both institutions. Although it had not yet officially confirmed by IPAF, the president announced that the collaboration would start from the Madrid conference.
- The proceedings of the Rome Euramal Conference have just been published and brought to the conference.
- A new website independent from our own universities, in an “EU” domain <http://www.euramal.eu/> has been created in order to ensure continuity, irrespective of any future change of the Bureau composition. The president will transfer all the details and codes to the new President.
- In the Bureau’s last meeting, and without changing any rules of the Constitution, it has been decided that the elections will be supervised by an electoral college, composed of the Secretary General and two members. For the first time the Bureau will be elected on the basis of a secret ballot. Only the members whose memberships are up to date, are entitled to vote. Proxy voting is not admitted.
- A procedure for voting through ballot has been established. The ballot includes spaces to designate the president, secretary general, treasurer and two members (not three, as was usual, since the constitution specifies only two). It was decided also that the former president remains as guest member to give continuity to EURAMAL activities
- Given complications experienced in the past two years with banking, the president recommends that future treasurers be chosen from among members within the Euro zone, also because this will be a more economical option for our budget.
- In order to guarantee continuity in the administration of Euramal, it is proposed that the outgoing Euramal President become an ex officio member of the new Executive Bureau, in addition to the elected members.
- The president warmly thanked all members of the Bureau.

III – Elections

Secretary General and two members, Ada Barbaro and Francisco Rodríguez Sierra, constitute the electoral college.

After some discussion on procedure, nominations for the new Bureau were made by the membership present and accepted by the nominees.

The following candidatures were presented:

- ▶ President: Sobhi Boustani
- ▶ Secretary General: Stephan Guth
- ▶ Treasurer: Paola Viviani
- ▶ Members: Tania Al Saadi, Rasheed El-Enany, Tetz Rooke, Ulrike Stehli-Werbeck

The only candidate for president, Sobhi Boustani, obtained 25 votes out of 28.

The only candidate for secretary general, Stephan Guth, obtained 25 votes out of 28.

The only candidate for treasurer Paola Viviani, obtained 27 out of 28.

The two members elected for receiving more votes are Rasheed El-Enany (21) and Tania Al Saadi (16), and not elected Ulrike Stehli-Werbeck (10) and Tetz Rooke (6).

a) The new Executive Committee ("Bureau") elected for 2014-2016

- ▶ President : Sobhi Boustani
- ▶ Secretary General : Stephan Guth
- ▶ Treasurer : Paola Viviani
- ▶ Members : Rasheed El-Enany
Tania Al Saadi
Isabella Camera D’Afflitto (former president)

b) The GA then proceeded to elect the new **Council**. It was agreed to renew the membership of the Council whenever possible. The final representation agreed on is as follows (by alphabetical order of countries)

- ▶ Xavier LUFFIN (Belgium)
- ▶ Baian RAYHANOVA (Bulgary)
- ▶ Tina DRANSFELDT Christensen (Denmark)
- ▶ Richard JACQUEMOND (France)
- ▶ Ulrike STEHLI-WERBECK (Germany)
- ▶ Christina PHILLIPS (Great Britain)
- ▶ Monica RUOCCO (Italy)
- ▶ Richard VAN LEEUWEN (Netherlands)
- ▶ Stephan GUTH (Norway)
- ▶ Barbara MICHALAK-PIKULSKA (Poland)
- ▶ Mikhail SUVOROV (Russia)
- ▶ Francisco RODRÍGUEZ SIERRA (Spain)
- ▶ Astrid OTTOSSON AL BITAR (Sweden)

► Hartmut FÄHNDRICH

(Switzerland)

IV – New members

According to the recommendations of the Executive Bureau held in Madrid on May the 8th to discuss the candidatures, the new members accepted in EURAMAL are as follows:

a) Full members: (in alphabetical order)

- Elmira A. ALIZADE, Senior Researcher, Department of Literature, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, elmira638@mail.ru
- Natalya M. SHUYSKAYA, Associate Professor of the Department of Middle East Languages, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia, faniare@mail.ru
- Natalia B. KOVYRSHINA, Associate Prof. of Arabic Literature and Language, Head of the Arabic, Faculty of Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, NKovyreshina@mail.ru
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- Kamal ABDEL-MALEK, Professor of Arabic Literature, American University in Dubai, kabdelmalek@aud.edu
- Tarek EL-ARISS, University of Texas at Austin, USA, tarek.elariss@austin.utexas.edu
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b) PhD Students:

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- ▶ Christina STEPHANO DE QUEIROZ, Doctoranda - Estudos Judaicos e Árabes,
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c) With the recommendation of attending next conferences

The candidate below was not accepted for membership due to inadequate evidence of research in modern Arabic literature, but the Bureau recommended to be allowed to eventually attend the next conference

- ▶ Maria Grazia SCIORTINO, University of Palermo, Italy, mg.sciortino@gmail.com

V – Publications

a) 11th EURAMAL (Madrid 2014)

The book will be edited by Roger Allen, Tetz Rooke, Gonzalo Fernández Parrilla and Francisco Rodríguez Sierra. Probably Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Publishing in book and e-book.
Deadline for papers 15th December 2014.

b) 10th EURAMAL (Paris 2012)

Is being published in 2014 by Karthala.

c) 9th EURAMAL (Rome 2010)

Has just been published.

VI – Next conference EURAMAL 12 (2016)

The candidature of Oslo is firm though is yet to be confirmed by Stephan Guth. It is also recommended that the Secretary General to be in the future the host of the conference, which should help the dynamics of EURAMAL and saves work.

Madrid, 10th May 2014

Gonzalo Fernández Parrilla
Former Secretary General

Isabella Camera D’Afflitto
Former President

Sobhi Boustani
Elected President