

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Cambridge, UK, 4th July 2011

Call to Order

The 2011 EurOMA Annual General Meeting in Cambridge came to order on July 4th at 4:55 p.m. After welcoming the approximately 165 EurOMA members attending the 2011 AGM and reviewing the items to be addressed, President Raffaella Cagliano asked if there were any items to add and for approval of the Agenda. There were no other items to add; the Agenda was duly approved.

1. Board Membership & Elections 2011

The President reviewed the 2010-2011 EurOMA Board composition. She thanked the Board members (elected and co-opted) whose terms are coming to an end for their years of dedicated service: Nuran Acur, Cipriano Forza, Brian Fynes, Matthias Holweg, Juliana Hsuan, Sofia Salgado-Pinto, Rui Sousa, Dirk Pieter van Donk, and Andi Smart. She noted that although some of those stepping down cannot be re-elected to the Board (as per the Statutes), several others who are eligible are standing for re-election today.

The President reviewed the procedures for the EurOMA Elections 2011. Seven Board Members are to be elected for the 2011-2014 term (which begins immediately after the closure of today's AGM). Thirteen candidates for Board Members have been nominated and approved by the 2011 EurOMA Elections Committee. Election will be by a simple majority of the votes; one ballot per EurOMA member present at the AGM. (The EurOMA 2011 conference packs include the Candidate Statements which were also previously announced and posted on the EurOMA website; ballot sheets were duly distributed at the start of the AGM to all members present, and then completed and collected for the official count by the Committee.)

The thirteen candidates for Board membership are:

- Pamela Danese – University of Padova, Italy
- Brian Fynes – University College Dublin, Ireland
- Cristina Gimenez-Thomsen – ESADE Business School, Spain
- Andreas Größler – Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
- Linda Hendry – Lancaster University, UK
- Juliana Hsuan – Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Torbjørn Netland – NTNU / SINTEF Research Institute, Norway
- Jan Olhager – Linköping University, Sweden
- Gerald Reiner – University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- Sofia Salgado-Pinto – Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal
- Stefan Seuring – University of Kassel, Germany
- Rui Sousa – Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal
- Matyusz Zsolt – Corvinus University of Budapest, Hung

The ballots were completed by the members present and then collected and counted outside the room during the AGM by the 2011 EurOMA Elections Committee: Dirk Pieter van Donk (Chair), Cipriano Forza, and Margaret Taylor. The results of the 2011 Elections were later announced by EurOMA President Raffaella Cagliano during the closure of the AGM. Of the thirteen candidates for Board membership, the seven who received the majority of votes were (in alphabetical order): Pamela Danese, Brian Fynes, Cristina Gimenez-Thomsen, Andreas Größler, Linda Hendry, Jan Olhager, and Rui Sousa. The President congratulated the winners and thanked all of the candidates for their commitment to EurOMA.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the last EurOMA AGM held in Porto, Portugal, 7th June 2010 (which were circulated to the membership for review prior to the AGM), were approved.

3. EurOMA Accounts 2010

The President reviewed the 2010 EurOMA Accounts (which were circulated to the membership for review prior to the AGM). The Expenditures for 2010 showed that costs were similar to those in 2009; however, the Income was higher, mostly due to a steady increase in members and a healthy conference surplus – as evident in the Balance Sheet. EurOMA is doing very well financially in spite of the fact that operating costs are rising. The Reserve fund now stands at €100,000. Insurance policies were also duly renewed for another year.

The President asked for approval of the EurOMA Accounts. The 2010 Accounts were approved.

4. President's Report for 2010/2011

President Raffaella Cagliano reviewed the range of initiatives organised and/or supported by EurOMA. She congratulated the 2011 teams and organisers – as well as the participants – for the very recent success of the 10th **Doctoral Seminar** and the 3rd **Young Scholars Workshop**, both held before the start of the Cambridge conference. She was pleased that the 10th Doctoral Seminar is being celebrated and commemorated in 2011 – thanks to all who have contributed!

The President took a few moments to mention the new Service Level Agreement with EIASM which was signed in February 2011. She then outlined some of the opportunities and challenges that EurOMA is currently undertaking:

■ Opportunities and Challenges

- Managing growth
 - ⇒ *New Conference format as of 2013*
- Developing membership in under-represented regions
 - ⇒ *Appointing Country Representatives*
- Further strengthening the partnership with POMS and building new partnerships
- Developing initiatives on teaching OM – and the relevance of OM research and teaching in practice

The President presented a couple of graphs to illustrate the trends in the number of conference abstracts, papers, and participants – indicating that there has been a marked growth rate and steady increase since 2008. In response to this trend, EurOMA is introducing a new conference format of 2½ days (instead of 2 days) which will go into effect as of EurOMA 2013.

President Cagliano then listed the roles and responsibilities of EurOMA Country Representatives (CRs) – another recently revived EurOMA initiative:

- To promote EurOMA and its activities within national academic and professional networks.
 - To link to existing national conferences and other OM events.
 - To propose innovative suggestions to meet the specific needs of scholars and PhD students in the country or region.
 - To solicit and increase the membership of EurOMA amongst academics and PhD students within a given geographic area.
 - To promote participation in EurOMA conferences and workshops with cognate research networks and disciplines.
- ⇒ **Appointed for 2 years – not part of the EurOMA Board but must report to the Board regularly and might be invited to meetings...**

The President encouraged members to consider serving as a EurOMA CR in their area or region.

President Cagliano thanked the Board Members and Local Organisers for helping to realise recent initiatives – and challenged EurOMA members to keep ensuring their continued success. She appealed for more suggestions and creative new ideas for future initiatives from EurOMA members – who are often also the beneficiaries. The EurOMA Board gladly welcomes proposals for investment in new activities and/or new services to its members – the main goals being to increase the range of membership benefits and to continue developing OM as a professional field in Europe as well as abroad, focussing mainly but not exclusively on research and teaching.

■ **There are many ways for Members to contribute:**

- By nominating EurOMA Fellows
- By standing for election to the Board
- By contributing to the association's Newsletter
- By acting as Country / Regional Representatives
- By responding to Calls for interest to organize and / or participate in EurOMA events and initiatives
- By proposing new initiatives
- ...

The 2011 EurOMA Best Paper Awards are to be presented at the Closing Ceremony – all delegates are invited to attend. Winners of the Chris Voss Best Paper Award as well as the Harry Boer Best Student Paper Award (introduced in 2009) will be announced and the prizes presented. The 2011 Fellowship Awards were already presented at the EurOMA 2011 Opening Session. There are two new Fellows: Harry Boer (Aalborg University) and Arnoud De Meyer (Singapore Management University / University of Cambridge). This makes for eight Fellows in total since the start of this program in 2009.

At the end of her report, the President reminded the membership that there are several other EurOMA events in addition to the annual conference... She gave dates and venues for the next sessions (plus advertised the few spots available in two of the events for those who will act fast):

- 3rd EurOMA Summer School in Operations Management**
(22-26 August 2011, Budapest, Hungary)
- 4th SOM Forum Workshop**
(19-20 September 2011, Florence, Italy)
- 4th Journal Publishing Workshop for Non-Native English Speakers** (22-23 September 2011, Vicenza, Italy)
- 11th EurOMA Doctoral Seminar**
(29-30 June 2012, Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- 4th EurOMA Young Scholars Workshop**
(1 July 2012, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

5. EurOMA Membership Report

The President reviewed the membership situation for EurOMA. She reported that 2010 had been another good year for EurOMA, with a total of about 675 members joining the Association. (This is an increase of 50 members since 2009...) The joint POMS membership options continue to help increase the numbers, and many members from both associations have benefitted by the various combined joint membership options available when renewing their EurOMA and POMS together at a reduced combined annual fee.

She named the top five countries representing EurOMA members in 2010 (UK, USA, Sweden, Italy and Spain). There are already 475 members renewed or newly-subscribed for 2011 (prior to the conference), so the total by the end of the year is expected to reach 700. The United Kingdom followed by the United States are still the countries with the most members. The Board continues its search to find ways of increasing EurOMA membership from Central and Eastern Europe, as well as from Asia. Proposals for events and activities (and host institutions) which might increase membership from these countries are actively sought and welcomed.

6. Future EurOMA Conferences

The President reminded members that the 4th World Conference on Production & Operations Management – which doubles as the 19th International Annual EurOMA Conference – takes place in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 1-5 July 2012. This is a joint event held every 4 years, sponsored in turn by EurOMA, POMS and JOMSA. The theme this time is *Serving the World*. The 2012 conference website is now available for browsing. The main conference will be preceded by the 11th Doctoral Seminar, 29-30 June 2012, and the 4th Young Scholars' Workshop, 1 July 2012.

President Cagliano announced that the Board had recently decided on the hosts and venues for the next two years: EurOMA 2013 (the 20th EurOMA Annual Conference) will be held in Dublin, Ireland, 9-12 June 2013 – with Co-Chairs Paul Coughlan (TCD) & Brian Fynes (UCD); EurOMA 2014 is scheduled for Palermo, Italy, June/July 2014; Giovanni Perrone (University of Palermo) will be the Chair. She asked for a round of applause which was gladly given to the Co-Chairs of the upcoming EurOMA conferences.

7. Awards Presentations

At the EurOMA 2011 conference held in Cambridge, the following awards were distributed:

Chris Voss Best Paper Awards 2011

- The Chris Voss Best Paper Award was presented to:
Carolien de Blok, Wietze van der Aa, Pim den Hertog (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) for the paper: 'Managing inter-firm relationships in open service innovation.'
- The Chris Voss Highly Commended Award was presented to:
 - **Katri Karjalainen** (University of Manchester, UK), **Alistair Brandon-Jones** (University of Bath, UK), **Stephano Ronchi** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy), **Erik van Raaij** (Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands) for the paper: 'Electronic purchasing tools and purchasing absorptive capacity as antecedents of purchasing category performance.'
 - **Bart MacCarthy, Amila Jayarathne** (University of Nottingham, UK) for the paper: 'Global supply networks and responsiveness in the international clothing industry: Differences across different retailer types.'

Harry Boer Best Student Paper Awards 2011

- The Harry Boer Best Student Paper Award was presented to:
Justin Drupsteen (University of Groningen, Netherlands) for the paper: 'Integrative practices in hospitals and their impact on patient flow.'
- The Harry Boer Highly Commended Award was presented to:
 - **Pairach Piboonrungrroj** (Cardiff University, UK & Chiang Mai University, Thailand) for the paper: 'Supply chain collaboration, inter-firm trust and logistics performance: Evidence from the tourism sector.'
 - **Boyana Petkova** (University of Groningen, NL) for the paper: 'Supply chain integration under resource dependence; How powerful buyers and suppliers shape integration as the value of the relationship rises.'

Emerald Awards for Excellence 2011

- The Highly Commended Award for *International Journal of Operations & Production Management* was presented to **Alistair Brandon-Jones** for the paper by Alistair Brandon-Jones, John Ramsay, Beverly Wagner, (2010): 'Trading interactions: Supplier empathy, consensus and bias.' (*IJOPM*, volume 30, issue 5, pp. 453-487.)
- The Outstanding Doctoral Research Award in the Operations and Production Management Category (sponsored by *IJOPM*) was presented to **Jens Roerich** (University of Bath, UK) for the paper: 'The Dynamics of Inter-organisational Governance: Contractual and Relational Mechanisms in Public-Private Supply Arrangements'.
- The Outstanding Reviewer Award for *International Journal of Operations & Production Management* was presented to **Patrik Jonsson** (Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden)
- The Outstanding Paper Award for *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal* was presented to **Kenneth Platts** for the paper by K.W. Platts, N. Song, (2010): 'Overseas sourcing decisions – the total cost of sourcing from China.' (*SCM*, volume 15, issue 4, pp. 320-331.)
- The Highly Commended Award for *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal* was presented to **Brian Fynes** and **Frank Wiengarten** for the paper by Frank Wiengarten, Paul Humphreys, Guangming Cao, Brian Fynes, Alan McKittrick, (2010): 'Collaborative supply chain practices and performance: exploring the key role of information quality.' (*SCM*, volume 14, issue 6, pp. 463-473.)
- The Highly Commended Award for TQM Journal was presented to **Ben Clegg** for the paper by Ben Clegg, Chris Rees, Mike Titchen, (2010): 'A study into the effectiveness of quality management training: A focus on tools and critical success factors.' (*TQM*, volume 22, issue 2, pp. 188-208.)

EurOMA Fellows 2011

The EurOMA Fellowship program honours worthy academics that have made a great contribution to the field of OM as well as given many years of service to the Association. The 2011 EurOMA Fellows Nominating Committee (R. Cagliano, A. Neely, and A. Vereecke) presented a EurOMA Fellowship Award to two honourable recipients: **Harry Boer** and **Arnoud De Meyer**.

8. Any Other Business

The President asked if there were any questions or other items to discuss; no points were raised.

9. Date of the next AGM

The President announced that the next AGM would most likely be held at EurOMA 2012 on Tuesday the 3rd of July 2012 in Amsterdam. She invited members to attend the 4th World P&OM / EurOMA 2012 conference and the next Annual General Meeting. (An announcement with the details will be circulated to EurOMA members prior to the event.)

10. Closure

President Raffaella Cagliano announced the results of the Elections 2011 (see Item 1, Page 1). The 2011 AGM was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. Conference Chairs Matthias Holweg and Jag Srai invited the delegates to the Gala Dinner that evening, and offered some useful logistical information related to the event. They also expressed the hope that all were having a good EurOMA conference experience in Cambridge.
