

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Dublin, Ireland, 10 June 2013

Call to Order

The 2013 EurOMA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at University College Dublin (UCD) was called to order by President Raffaella Cagliano on the 10th of June at 4:35 p.m. After welcoming the approximately 90 EurOMA members attending the 2013 AGM, and reviewing the Agenda points to be addressed, the President asked if there were any items to add – there were none; she then asked for formal approval of the Agenda by the membership. The Agenda was duly approved.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the last EurOMA AGM held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, 3rd July 2012 (which had been duly circulated to the membership a month prior to the AGM), were tabled and approved.

2. Board Membership & Elections 2013

The President reviewed the slide of the 2012-2013 EurOMA Board composition (listed by name), welcoming those who had recently joined the EurOMA Board and bidding farewell to those who would soon be leaving. The following Board Members will end their terms at this year's AGM: Elected Board Members Marie Koulikoff-Souvion and Andrew Taylor, as well as Co-opted Board Members Jaume Ribera (Chair of the Communication Team), Ann Vereecke (External Relations Officer), Jan Fransoo and Dirk Pieter van Donk (EurOMA 2012 Amsterdam Conference Chairs). Regarding the latter, the President also commended Dirk Pieter van Donk's diligent work on behalf of EurOMA while he was previously serving as the Treasurer / Financial Controller, with respect to the current VAT ruling and tax status of the Association. The President announced that by a unanimous Board decision, there are now two life-long members who are co-opted to the EurOMA Board: Christer Karlsson (newly-nominated) along with Chris Voss. The President also announced that Ene Kannel will be stepping down as the EurOMA Executive Secretary – and that Cristina Setyar will soon be taking on this role. Finally, Raffaella Cagliano mentioned that, as her three-year term is ending, she herself will be stepping down as the EurOMA President. On behalf of EurOMA, the President thanked all Board Members present and past for their considerable contributions (often in various capacities) over their many years of service on the EurOMA Board.

President Cagliano summarised the EurOMA Elections 2013 Procedures slide, noting that this was the second time that anonymous electronic ballots had been distributed to the membership as a whole, thus enabling all members who were eligible to vote and take part in this year's elections, regardless of whether or not they would be attending the Annual Conference. She then invited the 2013 EurOMA Elections Committee Chair, Linda Hendry, to say a few words.

Linda Hendry expressed her thanks to the other Elections Committee members (Cristina Giménez and Margaret Taylor), as well as thanking Ene Kannel and Marion Hebbelynck at EIASM for their considerable efforts and skill in conducting the anonymous e-elections and compiling the results promptly. Of the total 958 e-ballots distributed (and 3 reminders sent at appropriate intervals), 305 (32%) e-ballots were returned (about 4% more than last year). Included with the ballots were several positive comments (as per an optional and anonymous text field) about the electronic voting process as well as on the quality of this year's candidates. Linda reiterated that indeed this year's nominees were all excellent candidates, and that only a very narrow margin separated those who ran for the Board. She encouraged more applications from the membership for future EurOMA elections.

Linda Hendry then handed a sealed envelope to the EurOMA President, who proceeded to open it and announce the results of this year's EurOMA Elections to the AGM.

Successful candidates for a three-year term (2013-2016) on the EurOMA Board:

PRESIDENT

- **Andy Neely** – University of Cambridge, UK

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

- **Ben Clegg** – Aston Business School, Birmingham, UK
- **Gerald Reiner** – University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

The President thanked Linda Hendry and the 2013 EurOMA Elections team for their great support – and on behalf of EurOMA welcomed the new President and members to the EurOMA Board. She reminded the AGM of the current practice and procedure for the co-option of conference chairs (i.e., for the year before and the year after the event) – and officially announced the co-option of the EurOMA 2014 Conference Chair, Giovanni Perrone, to the Board for the 2013-2015 term.

3. Approval of the EurOMA Accounts 2012

The EurOMA Treasurer / Financial Controller, Jan Olhager, gave a presentation of the EurOMA Finances 2012-2013 – including a review of the 2012 EurOMA Accounts (as circulated to the membership for review prior to the AGM), and the proposed 2013 Budget (as prepared by the EurOMA Finance Team). The Balance Sheet for 2012 showed that the Liabilities were similar to those in 2011, and even though the Reserves were increased by 50%, the annual Surplus is still substantial (due to a steady rise in membership numbers and conference revenues in recent years), despite increased operational costs. EurOMA is continuing its efforts to support and invest more funds in new OM initiatives, especially those targeted for students and young scholars.

With respect to the 2013 EurOMA Budget, Jan Olhager noted that the figures had been prepared taking into consideration the potentially lower number of EurOMA members this year (and hence projected less revenue from memberships) – based on the probability that the EurOMA 2012 Amsterdam conference last year (which also doubled as the 4th World P&OM – the next event is scheduled for 2016) brought in more delegates / members in 2012 than was the recent norm (plus the event was one day longer with additional delegates coming from POMS and JOMSA).

The President thanked Jan and the Finance Team for their work – and asked the membership for approval of the EurOMA Accounts. All were in favour, thus the 2012 Accounts were approved.

4. Approval of the EurOMA Membership Fees 2014

The EurOMA Board has recently approved the proposal that, as of 2014, the annual membership dues for PhD students as well as for retired members would be waived (i.e., to be more in line with the current POMS fee structure, and to offer added incentives to PhD students especially). However, the EurOMA-POMS joint membership options for those two groups would no longer be offered (via EurOMA and/or via POMS) to avoid confusion and to reduce the administrative overhead and delays on both sides for processing these zero-fee-based memberships. PhD students would still be required to provide valid proof of status, and to apply for and/or renew their annual membership each year (preferably online) via each Association, according to the relevant guidelines and stipulations. Furthermore, a letter of proof (e.g., a signed declaration confirming retirement status in PDF) would now also be required for retired members, in order to be able to obtain a EurOMA membership online free of charge (i.e., so that the free memberships are recorded in the respective databases, and individual ID numbers can be issued for each year).

The proposed EurOMA membership fee schedule to take effect in 2014 is the following:

Membership Type	Europe €	Non-Europe €
EurOMA membership – regular	45	45
EurOMA membership – PhD students & retired members	0	0
EurOMA + POMS joint membership	110	110
EurOMA + POMS (PhD and retired members)	0	0

Journal Options	Print €	Online €
IJOPM for EurOMA member	50	42
IJOPM extra charge for non-Europe (postage)	25	0

The President asked if there were any questions or comments about the proposed membership schedule for 2014 and/or the waiving of fees for PhD students and retired members. As there were no comments or objections, she requested the AGM's approval of the EurOMA Membership Fees for 2014. All those present were in favour, thus the 2014 EurOMA Membership Fee schedule was approved, and the motion to waive dues for students and retired members was passed.

5. President's Report for 2012/2013

President Raffaella Cagliano reviewed the range of initiatives organised and/or supported by EurOMA. She took this opportunity to congratulate the teams and organisers as well as the participants for the very recent success of this year's pre-conference events: the 12th Doctoral Seminar, the 5th Young Scholars Workshop, and the 6th Journal Publishing Workshop (Module I) – all held just a few days ago in Dublin.

The President then proceeded to list and summarise EurOMA's collective accomplishments over the past year.

- Renovation of the International Annual EurOMA Conference:
 - New format (i.e., a half day more, so the conference is now 2½ days long)
 - Improved communication
 - Better procedures
 - ...while keeping the same registration fee
- New initiatives:
 - Practice-Academy Workshop (Barcelona, 14-15 October 2013)
 - Renewed format for Publishing Workshop (2013)
 - Sustainable Operations and Supply Chains Forum (Groningen, 24-25 March 2014)
- Communication and Service to the membership:
 - New format and structure of the EurOMA Newsletter
 - 20th EurOMA Conference Anniversary Newsletter, video and archive
 - Agreement with Emerald for online IJOPM subscriptions as of 2014 (and reduced IJOPM subscription fees for print copies as of 2013)
 - Waiving membership fee for (PhD) students and retired members
- New procedures
 - Online Elections and voting procedure as of 2012
 - Updated Conference Manual (Andreas Größler was commended for compiling this important document, and Board Members were thanked for their contributions)
 - Standard Call for Interest for EurOMA initiatives
- Strategy development:
 - Institutionalize the EurOMA Fellows meeting as an annual forum for discussing the future directions and development of EurOMA
- Globalization:
 - Organization of the 4th P&OM World Conference (Amsterdam, July 2012)
 - Institutionalization of Country Representatives (CRs) and their annual meeting
 - Began exploring relationships with sister associations globally (contact EurOMA!)
 - Plans for EurOMA / POMS collaboration on specific projects
- Special Interest Group on Practitioners:
 - Develop new initiatives in addition to the Practice-Academia Workshop

- Special Interest Group on Teaching OM:
 - More visibility and space for discussion in OM teaching sessions
 - Initiatives to discuss the future challenges of OM teaching
- Joint initiatives with POMS
 - Promoting OM
 - Future of the World Conference
 - Research and publishing workshops for emerging countries
 - ...
- Institutional support for sister associations in emerging countries
- Improved communication with relevant stakeholders
- Surfing the Social Media wave!

President Raffaella Cagliano is proud to be handing over such an impressive list of successful new and continuing initiatives to the next EurOMA President, Andy Neely – and expressed her great appreciation to the EurOMA Board and membership for having helped to achieve this enviable portfolio. She nonetheless challenged EurOMA and its associates to keep ensuring the continued success of the Association by appealing for more suggestions and creative new ideas for future initiatives – especially as the members are often also the beneficiaries of such efforts. The 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, for researchers and practitioners alike.

The President reminded the AGM that there are many ways for EurOMA Members to contribute:

- By running for EurOMA Board Elections (and/or nominating appropriate candidates)
- By nominating EurOMA Fellows candidates
- By contributing to the EurOMA Newsletter
- By serving as a Country / Regional Representative
- By responding to Calls for interest to host / organize EurOMA events
- By proposing new initiatives
- ...

6. EurOMA Membership Report

The President reviewed the membership situation for EurOMA. She reported that, as predicted, 2012 had been the best year ever, with a total of 882 members joining the Association. The joint membership options with POMS continue to help increase the EurOMA numbers, and members from both associations have benefitted financially by this collaborative approach – especially if renewing early to obtain the full benefits of (joint) membership for a given calendar year.

She named the top five countries representing the demographics of EurOMA members in 2012 (UK, USA, Brazil Netherlands, and Spain) – noting that there are two non-European countries in the top five, clearly demonstrating the internationalisation of the Association. To date, there are 359 members renewed or newly-subscribed for 2013 (prior to the conference) – a very typical and respectable figure for this point in time. The President remarked that the Board continues its search to find ways and means of increasing EurOMA membership from the CEE countries, as well as from Asia. Proposals for events and activities (and host institutions) from under-represented regions which could help to increase membership from these areas would be very welcome.

7. Future EurOMA Events

President Cagliano announced the hosts and venues for the next two years: EurOMA 2014 (the 21st EurOMA Annual Conference) will take place in Palermo, Italy, 22-25 June 2014 – Giovanni Perrone (University of Palermo) is the Conference Chair. As formally approved by the Board at yesterday's meeting, the bid for EurOMA 2015 has just been awarded to Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 28 June-1 July 2015 – Gerald Reiner (University of Neuchâtel) will be the Chair. Congratulations!

Other upcoming EurOMA events:

- **5th EurOMA Summer School in Operations Management**
24-28 June 2013, Cranfield, UK
- **6th SOM Forum Workshop** (Doctoral Consortium: 4 August 2013)
4-6 August 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
- **1st EurOMA Practice–Academia Workshop**
14-15 October 2013, Barcelona, Spain
- **6th Journal Publishing Workshop for Non-Native English Speakers (MODULE II):**
7-8 November 2013, Barcelona, Spain
- **1st EurOMA Sustainability & SCM Forum Workshop**
24-25 March 2014, Groningen, Netherlands

The President thanked the hosts and organisers of all EurOMA events for their dedication and hard work – and encouraged EurOMA members to actively support and participate in them.

8. Any Other Business

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

9. Awards Presentations

After the business portion of the AGM was over, President Cagliano invited Harry Boer and Chris Voss in turn to the stage to briefly describe the selection process and present the best conference paper awards. As the overall quality of the accepted papers was very high, the selection process was quite difficult. At EurOMA 2013 Dublin, the following authors and papers received awards:

Harry Boer Best Student Paper Awards 2013

- *The Harry Boer Best Student Paper Award was presented to:*
 - **George Onofrei, Brian Fynes, Sean de Burca, and Evelyn Roche** (all from UCD – University College Dublin, Ireland), for their paper: “Empirical Relationship Between Infrastructure Practices, Lean Practices And Factory Fitness: The Swift Even Flow Perspective”.
- *The Harry Boer Highly Commended Award was presented to:*
 - **Karl J. Grajczyk, Markus Amann, and Michael Essig** (all from Bundeswehr University Munich, Germany), for their paper: “Performance Effects of Purchasing Category Strategy Alignment with Purchasing's Structural Configuration in Industrial Category Supply Management”.

Chris Voss Best Paper Awards 2013

- *The Chris Voss Best Paper Award was presented to:*
 - **Min Zhang** (Norwich Business School, UK), **Xiande Zhao** (China-Europe International Business School, China), and **Marjorie A. Lyles** (Indiana University Kelley School of Business, USA), for their paper: “Absorptive capacity and mass customization capability: The role of customers and suppliers as sources of knowledge”.
- *The Chris Voss Highly Commended Award was presented to:*
 - **Antony Potter** (Manchester Business School, UK), **Benn Lawson** (Cambridge Judge Business School, UK), and **Beverly B. Tyler** (North Carolina State University, USA), for their paper: “Building new product advantage within inter-firm NPD projects: The role of firm selection, supplier technology, and absorptive capabilities”.
 - **Lisa Hüttinger** (University of Twente, Netherlands), and **Holger Schiele** (University of Twente, Netherlands), for their paper: “Empirical evidence for the influencing factors of preferential treatment by suppliers”.

President Cagliano reminded the AGM that an important award had already been presented:

EurOMA Fellow 2013

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. At the opening session of the EurOMA 2013 conference, the President announced that the 2013 EurOMA Fellows Nominating Committee (R. Cagliano, J. Ribera, and C. Voss) had made their selection and were pleased that the nominee in question had graciously accepted; she then presented a EurOMA Fellowship Award to this year's honourable recipient: **Luk Van Wassenhove**. (There are now ten EurOMA Fellows in total.)

As EurOMA 2013 Dublin marks a conference milestone, the co-chairs of the event were invited to the podium to announce a special award for the EurOMA 20th Anniversary Best Conference Photo. Brian Fynes and Paul Coughlan were pleased to present this award to Mats Johansson, co-chair of the EurOMA 2009 Gothenburg conference – for his photo of delegates taken “in front of the boat”.

Finally, Patti Davis, representing Emerald, was invited to the stage (as has been the tradition). Prior to handing out three publisher prizes known as the Emerald Awards for Excellence (and in the case of EurOMA, with some relevance for OM), Patti remarked that, although she has only recently taken on this post, Emerald is very pleased to be sponsoring the EurOMA Chris Voss and Harry Boer best paper awards each year, and looks forward to maintaining this relationship for many years to come.

Emerald Awards for Excellence 2013

- The Outstanding Paper Award for *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal* was presented to **Stefan Seuring**, and **Stefan Gold**, for the paper: “Conducting content-analysis based literature reviews in supply chain management”.
- The Highly Commended Paper Award for *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal* was presented to **Marian Oosterhuis**, **Taco van der Vaart**, and **Eric Molleman**, for the paper: “The value of upstream recognition of goals in supply chains”.
- The Highly Commended Paper Award for *International Journal of Managing Projects in Business* was presented to **Markus Hällgren**, **Andreas Nilsson**, **Tomas Blomquist**, and **Anders Söderholm**, for the paper: “Relevance lost! A critical review of project management standardisation”.

The President congratulated all award-winners and thanked Emerald for their ongoing support.

10. Date of the next AGM

The President noted that the next AGM would be held at the 21st International Annual EurOMA Conference in Palermo, on the 23rd of June 2014 – and invited members and delegates to attend the next Annual General Meeting. (As usual, an e-mail invitation and announcement with the details will be circulated to current and recent EurOMA members a month prior to the event.)

11. Closure

President Raffaella Cagliano adjourned the 2013 AGM at 5:10 p.m.

The President informed the assembly that there will be a short Closing Ceremony tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. – where a few more awards as well as a sneak preview of the 20th Anniversary video (courtesy of the EurOMA 2013 Dublin crew) would feature – and where she will officially hand over the reins of EurOMA to the next President, Andy Neely.

On behalf of EurOMA and its associates, President Raffaella Cagliano warmly thanked the Dublin co-chairs and their extended team for hosting the 20th International Annual EurOMA Conference – a truly memorable and appropriately festive event!
