



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Groningen, Netherlands, 16^h June 2008

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1. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the last EurOMA AGM held in Ankara, Turkey, 18th June 2007, were unanimously approved.

2. Board Membership & Elections

President Ann Vereecke reviewed the 2007-2008 EurOMA Board composition. She thanked the Board members whose terms are coming to an end for their years of service, especially Jan Olhager who has decided not stand for re-election (due to other professional commitments). She also welcomed Ene Kannel (the new Executive Secretary as of mid-December 2007), and thanked Audrey O'Connor for her dedicated years of service to the association. She announced that the POMS President has recently been co-opted to the EurOMA Board.

The President reviewed the procedures for the EurOMA Elections 2008. Seven Board members will be elected for the 2008-2011 term (beginning immediately after the closure of today's AGM). Ten candidates have been nominated. Election will be by a simple majority of the votes; one ballot per EurOMA member present at the AGM. (The EurOMA 2008 conference packs included the statements by the candidates; ballot sheets were distributed at the start of the meeting.)

The 10 candidates for Board membership are: Nuran Acur (a co-opted Board member); Des Doran; Cipriano Forza (a current Board member); Brian Fynes; Andreas Größler; Matthias Holweg; Juliana Hsuan (a co-opted Board member); Stefan Seuring; Rui Sousa; and Dirk Pieter van Donk (a current Board member).

The votes were collected and counted during the AGM by the 2008 Elections Team. The results were announced at the end of the AGM. The seven candidates who received the most votes were (in alphabetical order): Nuran Acur; Cipriano Forza; Brian Fynes; Matthias Holweg; Juliana Hsuan; Rui Sousa; and Dirk Pieter van Donk. The President congratulated the winners and thanked all of the candidates for their commitment to their association.

3. EurOMA Accounts

The President reviewed the 2007 EurOMA Accounts (previously distributed to EurOMA members). Although the Expenditures for 2007 were higher than in 2006 (mainly due to support being given for new EurOMA initiatives); the Income also increased accordingly, as well as due to a surplus being generated by the annual conference in 2006. As advised, the EurOMA Board decided to move some funds (€60,000) into a Reserve account for emergencies; the Balance Sheet included this new item. Insurance policies have recently been secured to protect the association events as well as the Board members.

The President asked for approval of the EurOMA Accounts. The 2007 Accounts were approved.

4. President's Report for 2007/2008

President Ann Vereecke reported that 2007 was a good year, with a total membership of just under 400 members. The joint POMS membership options have helped to stabilize the figures, and many members from both associations have benefitted by joining EurOMA and POMS at a reduced joint fee. The IJOPM editors continue to contribute regularly at the Board meetings, and the president of POMS has been invited to sit on the EurOMA Board as a co-opted member (or to send a representative in his/her absence). The EurOMA association is financially very sound and is accumulating a healthy surplus.

Several new initiatives received the support of EurOMA in 2007/2008:

- 1st edition of the **SOM Forum workshop** (May 2008)
- Upcoming: **Journal Publishing Workshop for Non-Native English- Speaking Researchers in OM and NPDM** (October 2008)
- **Best Student Paper Award** (to be launched at the EurOMA 2009 conference)

Several other initiatives are in the design phase:

- *EurOMA Summer School on Operations and Production Management*
- *EurOMA Young Scholars Workshop for Alumni of the Doctoral Seminar*

The President reminded members that the EurOMA Board welcomes proposals for investment in new initiatives and/or new services to its members – the main goals being to add further membership benefits and to continue developing OM as a field in Europe, with the focus on research or teaching.

5. EurOMA Membership Report

The President invited Board member Cipriano Forza to present a few statistics regarding the EurOMA membership. Cipriano announced the top five countries that members were from in 2007 (UK, US, Italy, Spain and Netherlands), then reviewed a couple of diagrams depicting the geographical distribution trends of membership over the past several years. There are already more than 300 members registered for 2008 (prior to the conference), so the total by the end of the year is expected to reach about 450. The UK and U.S. remain the highest represented countries. The Board is looking at ways to increase membership from Central and Eastern Europe, as well as from Asia. Proposals for events and activities (and host institutions) that might increase membership from these countries would be most welcome.

6. Future EurOMA Events

President Vereecke looks forward to seeing many EurOMA members amongst the delegates at the upcoming 3rd World Conference on Production & Operations Management to be held in early August 2008 in Tokyo, Japan. This is a joint event sponsored by JOMSA, POMS and EurOMA. The link for POM Tokyo 2008 is www.jomsa.jp.

The EurOMA 2009 Conference Co-Chairs, Mats Johansson and Patrik Jonsson, gave a brief slide presentation showing the conference facilities and the city of Göteborg, Sweden. The conference website www.euroma2009.org will be available in the coming weeks.

The President also announced that the 17th International Annual EurOMA Conference will be held in Porto, Portugal in June 2010; the Conference Chair is Rui Sousa.

7. Awards Presentations

Emerald Awards for Excellence

- The **Outstanding Paper Award for IJOPM** was presented to Robert S. Collins and Roger W. Schmenner for the paper "Understanding persistently variable performance in plants" (IJOPM vol. 27/3) - {accepted by Roger Schmenner}
- The **Highly Commended Award for IJOPM** was presented to Rui Sousa and Christopher A. Voss for the paper "Operational implications of manufacturing outsourcing for subcontractor plants: An empirical investigation" (IJOPM vol. 27/9) - {accepted by both authors}
- The **Highly Commended Award for Supply Chain Management: An International Journal** was presented to Arni Halldorsson, Herbert Kotzab, Juliana Hsuan and Tage Skjøtt-Larsen for the paper "Complementary theories to supply chain management" (SCMIJ vol. 12/4) - {accepted by Juliana Hsuan}

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award

- The **Highly Commended Award in Operations and Production Management category**, sponsored by IJOPM, was presented to Alistair Brandon-Jones of the University of Bath, School of Management (Doctoral award conferred by University of Warwick, UK), for the paper "Perceived E-Procurement Quality: Exploring and measuring the construct at a tactical level within the public sector".

Chris Voss Awards

- The **Chris Voss Best Paper Award** was presented to Amrou Away Sheh and Robert D. Klassen for the paper "Supply chain structure and its impact on supplier socially responsible practices".
- **Chris Voss Highly Commended Awards** were presented to Giovani J. C. da Silveira and Rui S. Sousa for the paper "Analysis of the relationships between operations strategy paradigms and performance", and to Giorgia Dal Pont, Andrea Furlan and Andrea Vinelli for their paper "Effects on performance of lean bundles".

8. Any Other Business

The President asked if there were any questions or other items to discuss; there were none. She then announced the results of the Elections 2008 (see Item 2).

9. Date of the next AGM

The President announced that the next AGM would be held at EurOMA 2009 on Monday the 15th of June 2009 at Chalmers University in Gothenburg, Sweden. She invited EurOMA members to attend this important annual meeting. (An electronic announcement with the details will be circulated to EurOMA members prior to the event.)

10. Closure

President Ann Vereecke took this opportunity to thank the current EurOMA members for their continued loyalty, as well as the Groningen conference organisers for having done a wonderful job to ensure a successful annual event this year.

She also thanked everyone present at today's AGM for their attendance and participation. She looked forward to seeing everyone at the conference supper later that evening, and hoped that all delegates would enjoy the rest of the conference.
