

# Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Göteborg, Sweden, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009

## 1. Board Membership & Elections 2009

After welcoming the approximately 75 EurOMA members attending the 2009 AGM, President Ann Vereecke reviewed the 2008-2009 EurOMA Board composition. She thanked the Board members whose terms are coming to an end for their years of dedicated service: Pär Åhlström, Krisztina Demeter, Christer Karlsson, José A. D. Machuca, P. Andi Smart, Andrew Taylor, Margaret Taylor, and Taco van der Vaart. She noted that although some of those leaving cannot be re-elected to the Board (as per the Statutes), several others who are eligible are standing for re-election today. The President also explained that since the current IJOPM Editors (Andrew & Margaret Taylor) are handing the reigns over to the new team from the University of Exeter, Andi Smart would not be standing for re-election to the Board since he will instead be assuming the role of a co-opted member as the IJOPM representative for the Exeter team.

The President reviewed the procedures for the EurOMA Elections 2009. Three Board members will be elected for the 2009-2012 term (beginning immediately after the closure of today's AGM). Four 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 2009 conference packs included the statements by the candidates which were previously announced and posted on the EurOMA website; ballot sheets were distributed at the start of the meeting to all members present.)

The four candidates for Board membership are: Pär Åhlström (Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden); José A. D. Machuca (University of Seville, Spain); Margaret Taylor (Bradford University School of Management, UK); Asoo J. Vakharia (University of Florida, USA).

The ballots were completed by the members present and then collected and counted during the AGM by the 2009 Elections Nominating Committee: Jaume Ribera (Chair); Raffaella Cagliano; Dirk Pieter van Donk. The results of the 2009 Elections were later announced by the EurOMA President during the closure of the AGM. Of the four candidates, the three who received the majority of votes were (in alphabetical order): Pär Åhlström; José A. D. Machuca; Margaret Taylor. The President congratulated the winners and thanked all of the candidates for their commitment to their association.

## 2. Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the last EurOMA AGM held in Groningen, Netherlands, 16th June 2008, were unanimously approved.

## 3. EurOMA Accounts 2008

The President reviewed the 2008 EurOMA Accounts (previously distributed to EurOMA members). Although the Expenditures for 2008 were slightly higher than in 2007, the Income also increased. To be on the safe side, the EurOMA Board decided to increase the Reserve fund from €60,000 to €100,000. Insurance policies were duly renewed for another year.

The President asked for approval of the EurOMA Accounts. The 2008 Accounts were approved.

## 4. President's Report for 2008/2009

President Ann Vereecke reported that 2008 was a good year for EurOMA, with a total of over 520 members joining the association. The joint POMS membership options have helped to increase the number of members, and many members from both associations have benefitted by joining EurOMA and POMS together at a reduced annual fee.

Two recent new EurOMA events were very successful in their first year and therefore will continue receiving the support of EurOMA in 2009:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the **SOM Forum Workshop** will be held at IESE Business School, Barcelona, Spain, October 5-6, 2009
- 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the **Workshop on Journal Publishing for Non-Native English-Speaking Researchers in OM and NPDM** will be held at CERAM Business School, Nice - Sophia Antipolis, France, October 29-30, 2009

Several more new initiatives were launched and/or received the support of EurOMA in 2009:

- 1st edition of the **EurOMA Summer School on Operations and Production Management**
- 1st edition of the **EurOMA Young Scholars Workshop** (for Alumni of the Doctoral Seminars)
- Launch of the **Harry Boer Best Student Paper Award**
- Launch of the **EurOMA Fellowship Award**
- A **new editorial team for IJOPM**

The President took a few moments to go over the objectives and criteria regarding the new EurOMA Fellowship Award initiative, and promised that the first four EurOMA Fellows would be announced at the closing session on Tuesday. She then presented a few slides prepared by Raffaella Cagliano covering the plans and programme for the first EurOMA Summer School which will take place in Brixen (Bressanone), Italy, September 14-18, 2009.

The President encouraged members to consider the benefits of belonging to their association by coming up with more ideas for promoting OM in their institutions and geographical areas. The EurOMA Board gladly welcomes proposals for investment in new initiatives 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, focussing on research and teaching.

On behalf of EurOMA, President Vereecke extended a warm thank you to the current Editors of IJOPM, Margaret Taylor and Andrew Taylor. She reviewed some of the highlights of their many contributions to the journal, including: managing 366 submissions in 2008, preparing 2 special issues in 2009, and most recently, witnessing the IJOPM Impact Factor reach a high of 1.054! The President also wished much success to the new Editors of IJOPM: Steve Brown, Andi Smart, and Roger Maull – all from the University of Exeter.

## 5. EurOMA Membership Report

The President invited Board Member and Chair of the Funding & Membership Team, Cipriano Forza, to present a few statistics and some analysis regarding the EurOMA membership. Cipriano listed the top five countries representing EurOMA members in 2008 (UK, US, Netherlands, Spain and Italy). He then reviewed various charts depicting the geographical distribution trends of membership over the past several years. There are already about 400 members registered for 2009 (prior to the conference), so the total by the end of the year is expected to reach 550-600. The United Kingdom followed by the United States remain the countries with the most members. The Board is still looking at ways to increase 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 would be most welcome.

## 6. Future EurOMA Conferences

President Vereecke announced that EurOMA 2010 would be hosted by the School of Economics and Management of the Catholic University of Portugal in Porto, June 6-9, 2010. As in previous years, the event would be preceded by the Doctoral Seminar, June 4-5, 2010. The 2<sup>nd</sup> EurOMA Young Scholars Workshop is scheduled for June 6, 2010.

The President was also pleased to announce that EurOMA 2011 will take place in Cambridge, United Kingdom, July 1-4, 2011; the Conference Chair is Matthias Holweg.

The location for EurOMA 2012 was just decided at yesterday's Board Meeting – the 4th World Conference on Production & Operations Management (P&OM) will take place in Amsterdam, Netherlands in June/July 2012. This is a joint event sponsored by EurOMA, POMS and JOMSA.

The EurOMA 2010 Conference Chair, Rui Sousa, gave a brief slide presentation showing the conference facilities and the city of Porto, Portugal. The theme is "*Managing Operations in Service Economies*". The conference website [www.euroma2010.org](http://www.euroma2010.org) is now available.

## 7. Awards Presentations

### Emerald Awards for Excellence 2009

- The **Outstanding Reviewer Award for Supply Chain Management** was presented to Damien Power of the University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- The **Leading Editor Awards** were presented to Margaret Taylor and Andrew Taylor.

### Outstanding Doctoral Research Award 2009

- The **Highly Commended Award in Operations and Production Management category**, sponsored by IJOPM, was presented to Sami Farooq of the University of Nottingham, UK, for the paper "Manufacturing technology selection: a supply chain perspective".

### Chris Voss Awards 2009

- The **Chris Voss Best Paper Award** was presented to Joe Miemczyk, Thomas Stäblein, and Matthias Holweg for the paper "Theoretical versus actual product variety: how much customisation is really demanded in the marketplace?".
- The **Chris Voss Highly Commended Award** was presented to Raffaella Cagliano, Federico Caniato, Ruggero Golini (corresponding author), and Evelyn Micelotta for the paper "The impact of country culture on the adoption of new forms of work organization".

### Harry Boer Awards 2009

- The **Harry Boer Best Student Paper Award** was presented to Zhijian Cui, Christoph Loch, Bernd Grossmann, and Ru He for the paper "Matching Innovation Outsourcing Motivations and Innovation Providers: An Empirical Study at Siemens".
- The **Harry Boer Highly Commended Award** was presented to Kirstin Scholten, Dr. Pamela Sharkey-Scott, and Professor Brian Fynes for the paper "Supply chain management concepts and humanitarian aid agencies – an exploratory study".

### EurOMA Fellows 2009

In 2009, EurOMA started a Fellowship program to honour those academics who have made a great contribution to the field of OM as well as given many years of service to the Association. This year's Nominating Committee (Jaume Ribera, Dirk Pieter van Donk, Brian Fynes, Ann Vereecke) presented four **EurOMA Fellowship Awards** to the following worthy candidates:

- Chris Voss • Christer Karlsson • Roberto Filippini • Andy Neely •

## 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 2009 (see Item 1).

## 9. Date of the next AGM

The President announced that the next AGM would be held at EurOMA 2010 on Monday the 7th of June 2010 at the Catholic University of Portugal in Porto, Portugal. She invited EurOMA members to attend EurOMA 2010 and the next Annual General 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 Gothenburg conference organisers for having done a great job in hosting another successful event this year. She thanked everyone present at the AGM for their attendance and participation. She hoped that delegates would enjoy the rest of the conference.

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