

International Association for the Promotion and Development of Joint
International Programmes in Higher Education (ProDeJIP)

**Minutes of the Constituent General Assembly,
University of Bordeaux, 12th July 2013**

Boas Erez began the session with a summary of the history of the project to create the association and the steps taken to create it to date. [Please refer to the General Assembly presentation on the project website].

Following this were three presentations under the title “Why join”, given by individuals external to the EM-iDEA project: Ms Isabel Cavaco from the University of the Algarve in Portugal; Ms Isabell Wartenburger from Potsdam University in Germany; and Ms Georgiana Mihut on behalf of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association.

- Ms Cavaco spoke of her participation in the meetings which took place in 2009, and how she found the coming together of professionals from so many different fields very interesting and beneficial. She spoke of the importance of continued cooperation between such professionals and concluded that this is why she wanted to join.
- Ms Wartenburger described the amount of work and effort put into the EMMC programme coordinated by Potsdam University, and the relationship and cooperation established with the partner institutions. She saw the association as a great way of joining forces, and of helping to ensure the survival of EM programmes, or at least of ensuring that best practice examples, knowledge and experience gained from these programmes are shared and taken forward.
- Ms Mihut spoke about the significance of identity and fields of (academic) expertise, advocating the importance of interdisciplinary joint degree programmes which manage to bring together people from these increasingly diverse backgrounds for a common goal. The relevance of an association at the service of those of who ensure the functioning of such interdisciplinary and innovative programmes is therefore very clear.

Boas Erez continued by presenting the list of institutions who had let it be known that they intended to join the association [See annex 1]. Then he gave a summary of the most important elements of the statutes and rules for the association. It was recalled that a first version of both of these was available for reading on the project website from 3 weeks prior to the Conference. A lot of comments and feedback had been sent in during this time, with the timing of these making it impossible to draft an updated version before the Conference. However, it was stressed that the elements presented on the day took this feedback, comments and recommendations into account. No objections or comments were made during the presentation of the statutes and rules, therefore there followed a vote.

It is recalled that those eligible to vote had submitted an individual membership form before the beginning of the Assembly. A total of 29 people were eligible to vote on the statutes and rules [see annex 2]. The vote took place by show of hands, which proved to be sufficient given the unanimity of the vote. Nobody voted against the statutes and rules, nobody abstained, and all 29 people voted for.

Next on the agenda was the election of the Executive Committee. A list of seven candidates was presented, which equals the number of members required for the Committee. The candidates were:

- Mr Aleh Cherp from Central European University (Budapest, Hungary) and Lund University (Sweden)
- Ms Cristina Churruca Muguruza from Deusto University (Spain)
- Mr Boas Erez from Bordeaux 1 University (France)
- Mr Philippe Gourbesville from the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France)
- Mr Guido Van Oost from Ghent University (Belgium)
- Mr José Maria Peiro from the University of Valencia (Spain)
- Mr Wicher Schreuders from Erasmus University Rotterdam (The Netherlands)

The candidates agreed among themselves that Boas Erez be candidate to be President of the association. Each of the candidates who were present during the Assembly gave a short presentation, outlining their interest in the Association and their reasons for applying to join the Executive Committee. Two candidates were unable to attend; Aleh Cherp and José Maria Peiro. Boas Erez presented their candidacies to the audience, aided by a short CV and photograph for each.

The vote was to be for all six candidates at once, i.e. for the whole Executive Committee except the President. The vote was carried out by secret ballot. 27 people voted in favour of the Committee, 1 voted against, and there was 1 abstention.

Finally there was a vote for the President of the association. This time the vote was unanimous, with 27 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions.

Finally, the creation of five task forces to develop the activities proposed by the association was proposed. The task forces were to be on the following topics:

- Support for Joint International Programmes
- Monitoring and strategy
- Communication and networking
- Training and consultancy
- Conferences

There were no particular comments, objections or otherwise, therefore any decisions on the composition of these task forces were delegated to the Executive Committee.

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Annex 1 - List of Institutions having submitted a letter of intention

NAME OF ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	REPRESENTATIVE ON 12/07/13	SIGNATORY/REPRESENTATIVE
AgroParisTech	France	Ms. Trish KAMMILI	Mr. Gilles TRYSTRAM, Director General
AgroParisTech - Pôle STVE/Plateforme EuroDoc Agro	France	Ms. Glwadys JEAN JOSEPH	Mr. Gilles TRYSTRAM, Vice President of the Pôle STVE
University of Deusto	Spain	Ms. Cristina CHURRUCAMUGURUZA	Mr. Alvaro DE LA RICA ASPIUNZA, Vice Rector for International Relations
Ecole Central Paris	France	Ms. Gwenaelle GUILLERME	Mr. Marc ZOLVER, Deputy Dean of International Affairs
Ghent University	Belgium	Mr. Andries VERSPEETEN	Prof. Paul VAN CAUWENBERGE, Rector
University of Niš	Serbia	Prof. Dr. Dragan ANTIĆ	Prof. Dr. Dragan ANTIĆ, Rector
University of Novi Sad	Serbia	Prof. Dr. Pavle SEKERUŠ	Prof. Dr. Miroslav VESKOVIĆ, Rector
University for Foreigners of Siena	Italy	Dott. Hamid Reza MOUSAVI	Prof. Massimo VEDOVELLI, Chancellor
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	Georgia	Ms. Tea GERGEDAVA	Mr. Alexander KVITASHVILI, Acting Rector
Toulouse II - Le Mirail University	France	Ms. Mélanie LE BIHAN	Ms. Mélanie LE BIHAN, Head of the International Relations Office
University of Theatre and Films Arts	Hungary	Ms. Erika WINKLER	Ms. Erika WINKLER, DOCNOMADS EMMC coordinator

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Annex 2 - List of persons eligible to vote

NAME	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY (OF THE ORGANISATION)
ANTIC, Prof. Dr. Dragan	University of Nis	Serbia
CAVACO, Ms. Isabel	University of the Algarve	Portugal
CHURRUCÁ MUGURUZA, Ms. Cristina	University of Deusto	Spain
DECRAEMER, Prof. Dr. Wilfrida	Ghent University	Belgium
EREZ, Prof. Boas	Bordeaux 1 University	France
FRANCOIS, Ms. Alice	Montpellier SupAgro	France
GARRIDO, Ms. Almudena	University of Deusto	Spain
GOURBESVILLE, Dr. Philippe	University of Nice Sophia Antipolis	France
HENCKEL, Mr. Ole	Aarhus University	Denmark
JEAN JOSEPH, Ms. Gladys	AgroParisTech	France
MARTINEZ-TUR, Prof. Vicente (represented by RAMOS, Mr. José)	University of Valencia	Spain
MONGONDRY, Mr. Philippe	Groupe ESA (Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture)	France
MOUSAVI, Dr. Hamid Reza	University of Foreigners of Siena	Italy

NIKOLIC, Prof. Dr. Zoran	University of Nis	Serbia
OSTROWSKI, Mr. Krzysztof	Pultusk Academy of Humanities	Poland
PARSKE, Mr. Matthias	Humboldt University Berlin	Germany
PAULSDOTTIR, Ms Gudrun	Mälardalen University	Sweden
PEIRO, Prof. José María (represented by RAMOS, Mr. José)	University of Valencia	Spain
PILESJO, Dr. Petter	Lund University	Sweden
RAMOS, Mr. José	University of Valencia	Spain
REGA, Ms. Barbara	AgroParisTech	France
SANCHEZ ESPINOSA, Ms. Adelina	University of Granada	Spain
SCHREUDERS, Prof. Dr Wicher	Erasmus University Rotterdam	The Netherlands
SECONDAT, Mr. Gabriel	University de Franche-Comté	France
SKIDMORE, Dr. Andrew (represented by EELDERINK, Ms. Lyande)	ITC Faculty, University of Twente	The Netherlands
VAN OOST, Prof. Dr. Guido	Ghent University	Belgium
WARTENBURGER, Prof. Dr Isabell	University of Potsdam	Germany
WILDER-SMITH, Prof. Annelies	University of Heidelberg	Germany
WINKLER, Ms. Erika	University of Theatre and Film Arts	Hungary