

Agenda of the  
**1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of ESEH,**  
held at University Hall, University of St. Andrews,  
Great Britain 7/9/01, 5.30 p.m.

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Minutes of the  
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§1 The Chairman opened the meeting

§2 Report on Board Meeting

The minutes from the Board Meeting, held at the University Hall, University of St. Andrews, Great Britain 5/9/01 were read by Robert Lambert.

§3 Report on Legal Statutes

The society must be registered in a specific European country in order to be a legal body.

Since the statutes are already written in English, the most convenient country would be the UK. But how to manage the bank account since the secretaries and treasurers will be of varying nationalities? The board will continue to investigate this question further, with the help of lawyer Leslie Simon.

§4 Draft Statutes

The General Assembly unanimously approved of the statutes. Members can forward specific suggestions of amendments to the statutes to the Board after the meeting via e-mail.

The Chairman presented a graph of ESEH's current constitution (supplement 1). With the addition of including unemployed members in the student category, the General Assembly approved of the constitution with one abstains.

§5 Elections

Nominees:

President: Christian Pfister, Verena Winiwarter, Sanjay Tewari

Vice-President: Christian Pfister, Verena Winiwarter, Sverker Sörlin, Sanjay Tewari

Secretary: Jan Oosthoek, Sanjay Tewari

Treasurer: Ulrich Koppitz

The election of President took place separately, in order to decide who would be eligible as nominee for Vice-President. The present nominees introduced themselves and described their visions for the society and European environmental history. Verena Winiwarter introduced Sanjay Tewari, who was not present.

The President was selected through a closed vote. While the votes for the President were counted the present nominees for the other positions introduced themselves.

The votes for President were divided as follows:

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31 votes for C. Pfister

54 votes for V. Winiwarter

87 votes total

The new President held a short acceptance speech. While the other votes were counted the

#### §6 Funding

Verena Winiwarter reported on the funding from the Breuninger Foundation. All expenses of the society have so far been paid by this foundation: travelling of Board Members, website, etc. Money has been granted on a yearly basis and 7.000-10.000 Euros have already been granted for 2002.

Steven Anderson reported that the Forest History Society donates \$1000 to the 2003 conference in Prague.

Sverker Sörlin reported on the money granted by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation in order to fund an executive secretariat, starting 1/1/02.

#### §7 Membership

A list of the national division of ESEH members (supplement 2) was presented by Ulrich Koppitz.

#### §8 Membership Fees

It was suggested that student members (and unemployed) would pay 10 Euros per year and all other members 20 Euros per year. This was unanimously accepted by the Assembly.

#### §9 Website

Verena Winiwarter reported on the website, which was started 15/6/00. Since then there has been 4780 visits with about 10 visits per day.

#### §10 Future Conference

Leos Jelecek reported on the 2003 conference, which will take place in Prague. It was his hope that this would attract more members from the Eastern parts of Europe and stimulate Eastern European environmental history.

#### §11 Messages

The Assembly welcomed the new Regional representative for Iberia.

#### §12 The Chairman closed the meeting