

26th General Assembly of the European Acoustics Association

Maastricht, the Netherlands, Sunday, 31st May 2015

The 26th General Assembly of the European Acoustics Association was held in Maastricht on Sunday May 31st 2015. 19 out of the 24 full member societies and 2 of the 9 associate member societies were represented in the meeting.

During the Assembly all the EAA products were presented by their managers or by the EAA board members. All the EAA products are well coordinated. Still it was underlined that more submissions are required for the journal *Acoustics in Practice* in order that the number of issues per year is kept as originally scheduled. Also it was mentioned that a better flow of information from the National Societies to be included in the *Nuntius Acusticus* (the EAA newsletter) is encouraged.

Cristina Zamorano, the coordinator of the EAA Young Acousticians Network (YAN), reported on recent activities of the YAN. It is really encouraging that the number of members is continuously growing and network is active in LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and emails. The YAN is very active in organizing events in major EAA Conferences.

Antonio Perez-Lopez on behalf of Salvador Santiago, EAA Treasurer, presented the EAA balance 2014 approved by the controller Jorge Patricio, and the budget for the year 2015. The balance for 2014, the budget for 2015 and the nomination of Jorge Patricio as controller in 2015 were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

Tapio Lokki reported on the EAA Young Researcher Programme in 2015. EAA has given 7 grants (free registrations to Euronoise 2015) to young acousticians and seven *EAA best paper and presentation awards* will be selected among 18 applicants. These awards are worth 500€ each and the awards are sponsored by the Head Genuit Foundation, except one which is sponsored by Ecophon.

The organizing details of Euronoise 2015 and the preparations for Euroregio 2016 (Porto 13-15 June 2016) were reported by Dick Botteldooren and Jorge Patricio respectively. An interesting fact for Euronoise 2015 was the presence of almost 700 participants. In addition Michael Taroudakis presented some data on the organization of Forum Acusticum in 2017, which will be a joint conference of EAA and ASA to be held in Boston, USA. Finally Tapio Lokki announced that the next EURONOISE (Euronoise 2018) Conference will be held in Crete, Greece 27-31 May 2018.

The Technical Committees on Computational Acoustics, Hydroacoustics, Noise and Building Acoustics presented their recent activities on their fields.

An important task of the General Assembly was the approval of the new Internal Regulations of the Association which were presented by the President of EAA, Michael Taroudakis. The regulations include up-dated versions of existing regulations as well as new regulations for products for which no regulations had been approved so far. Soon the text of the new internal regulations will be posted in the EAA web-page.

For the election procedure of the new EAA Board (2016-2019), Kristian Jambrošić (HAD) and Dick Botteldooren (AVAB) have been unanimously approved by the General Assembly as adjudicators, according to the Statutes of the Association.

Finally, short presentations were made for the International Noise Awareness Day of 2017, which will be a major event for EAA, the Year of Sound 2019, co-ordinated by the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA) and the production of the film "in Pursuit of Silence" which has been supported by EAA.

The next General Assembly of EAA will be held in Porto on the occasion of Euroregio 2016 on June 12th 2016.