



2017 EuroCHRIE Annual general Meeting
13h30 – 14h30 October, 25th 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

1. Welcome by EuroCHRIE President (AJ)
2. AJ welcomes all attendees at 13h35. AJ would like everybody to hear about our projects, current and future, and thanks everyone for engaging. This is the opportunity for all the people who are present to comment and give us inputs, and everyone can participate.
3. Apologies for Absence (CM)
All apologies were received.
4. Minutes of the last General Meeting – Budapest, Hungary (CM)
Motion: BS
Second: RB
5. EuroCHRIE President's Report (AJ)
AJ has worked on the joint conference on 2019 hosted by PolyU in Hong Kong. We are in for a treat and we look forward to it.
Why have we decided to do a joint conference?
ICHRIE have been working on a global conference to gather all federations, but so far it has not progressed. Therefore, we decided to test the idea and moved on with the joint conference. We tossed a coin and ApacCHRIE won.
There will be some changes in the setup of the conference, as we will follow the ApacCHRIE timeline. We hope that this will add more value for all the members.
In 2023, the joint conference will take place in Europe.
We made sure that this African conference is not a first time off. We have been working with Joy Goopio to see how we can make several conferences in Africa, more locally.
Xander Lub is willing to put some effort into these local conferences, and will work with Joy on symposium, workshops and other formats.
AJ would like to announce the new EuroCHRIE appointments: we have had two available positions on the board: Florian Hummel is interim Director of Marketing and Area Consultant for Germany, and Henri Kuokkanen is interim Director of Education. We are glad we are a full board again and we look forward to working more efficiently.
AJ appointed two other Area Consultants: Andy Heyes for the UK, who will be working along with Steven Rhoden, and Hjalte Brøndum Mansa for Denmark. Andy and Steven have already been in contact. AJ will step down from his position of Area Consultant for Denmark but will still give all the necessary information to Hjalte Brøndum Mansa.
6. Immediate Past President's Report (JF)
JF has been chairing the awards committee and will present awards today. JF will also chair the gala dinner and is looking forward to it.
JF thanks everyone for their participation to this conference.
7. Vice President's Report (RB)
RB is part of the task force that works on the joint conference in 2019. He has also been organising the Dublin conference that will take place in November 2018.

A lot of time has been spent creating and promoting the 2018 conference. RB has been promoting EuroCHRIE in Ireland as he is still Area Consultant for Ireland.

8. Secretary's Report (CM)

CM has been working with the task force on the bylaws and hope that everything will be finalised by the end of this year.

CM sent an email to HM and AH early September to let them know that their positions as AC for Denmark and for the UK will be official in October after our Autumn Board Meeting.

CM points out that she is part of the working group for the 2019 joint conference.

9. Treasurer's Report (AJ for RK)

Proposed budget for 2017-2018: we expect the balance to be fine.

Under expenses, there is a line entitled "drive for Africa". We discussed this during our Autumn Board Meeting, and we want our African members to be able to network more, engage more. Therefore, we have decided to do online conferences, webinars, symposium, and other meetings on the African continent. In order to do so, we have put aside €3000.

Motion: JF

Second: RB

The budget has been approved.

10. Update on the 2018 EuroCHRIE Conference in Dublin (RB)

Everything will be explained tonight at the gala dinner.

11. Update on the 2019 EuroCHRIE-APacCHRIE joint conference in Hong Kong (AJ)

We have been in close contact with our sponsors, so the budgets will be transferred to the joint conference. We are working on creating more value for members.

A task group has been created to work on the joint conference. Ten people work together to make sure that this is a proper joint conference, regarding the financial aspects, the differences in awards... We want to make sure that we cater for what EuroCHRIE usually does and what ApacCHRIE usually does. This is not an ApacCHRIE conference with EuroCHRIE being invited. So far, we are on the right track.

Hong Kong has been chosen as it is easy to get to. ApacCHRIE and EuroCHRIE board members met in Bali, in Baltimore and in Nairobi. We will have regular online meetings, and we will be meeting in our respective Spring Board Meetings.

The dates of the joint conference are: 22nd-24th May 2019.

Brenda Groen asks if we can promote joint papers and posters in view of the joint conference. RB will support that next year.

12. Board of Directors' Reports and Area Consultants' Reports (as necessary):

I. Industry Relations (Peter Russell)

PR is part of the task group for the joint conference. He also works on the three institutional sponsors agreements. Information will be shared with everyone as soon as everything is settled.

PR states that we have been working on the EuroCHRIE website: we want to redevelop the website, add more information and make it more user-friendly so it

helps us do the things we are trying to achieve. We hope that we will be able to launch this new website for the Dublin conference.

II. Research (Xander Lub)

XL has been organising symposia to build a stronger format and network for presenters. PG workshop and research workshop have been combined. We have a small group here in Nairobi; next year will be a more formal format.

XL has selected the nominees for the awards, and has been developing the mentor programme for students to find an expert on the field they work on.

XL hopes to set up a network for institutions so they can apply for a joint funding from the EU. It adds strength to the proposal.

XL is in charge of small group meetings to set up conferences, webinars, and symposia in Africa. It is still very expensive for some African delegates to travel to Kenya, so that would help. They would still have to bring their own sponsors but we will help them. We offer value besides the annual EuroCHRIE conference.

III. Director of Conferences and Networking (AJ for PC)

Patricia is working on the bid document to make it easier for institutions to apply. AJ invites institutions that have experience on EuroCHRIE conferences to help us with that. RB says it is a lot of work, so if you are interested in organising a conference, then please come and see any board member and we will help you coming up with the bid.

13. Changes to Bylaws (Dir. at Large: Bill Samenfink) (as necessary)

None

Bill started to work alongside EuroCHRIE in 1995, working on the Bylaws. AJ reappointed him during the ICHRIE 2017 Baltimore conference.

14. Any other business

AJ lets everyone know that they can write any board member if they want to become a EuroCHRIE member.

It has been a long time since we have had so many first-time attendees, and we are very happy. AJ will provide more info on EuroCHRIE and ICHRIE this afternoon during a session. You will be able to become a member.

Pearl Lin lets us know the dates for the future ApacCHRIE conference:

2018 conference: 31st May – 2nd June in Guangzhou, China

15. Date of next meeting (Federation Meeting, Palm Springs, California, USA, 25-27 July 2018)

The EuroCHRIE board will meet in March in Dublin. Anyone can contact us if they would like us to discuss a specific topic.

16. Close of Meeting

Motion: PR

Second: BS

AJ closes the AGM at 14h15.